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#### **President's Message to the Class of 2012**

In his charge to graduates to conclude Commencement ceremonies, Elon University President Leo M. Lambert encouraged graduates to use their education as a force for good in the world.

"You have all been prepared in the great liberal arts tradition to possess incredibly important and useful skills, such as writing, research, analysis, persuasion, and critical thinking," Lambert said. "You've combined these with strong majors and experiences in the world through international study, community engagement, and leadership challenges that have positioned you for success. And today, of all days, you should be proud of your success and your competence."

He then asked graduates to remember the virtue of humility in all that they do with their lives, citing how fortunate they are compared to the world's overall population to have a degree from a liberal arts institution.

"I hope that privilege keeps you feeling humble and mindful of your responsibility to others in the wider world lacking food, basic health care, peace, justice, and even the barest opportunity to create a better world for their kids. Never be afraid to reach out to others to help them create meaningful and positive change in their lives. This is what your Elon education compels you to do."

Lambert shared with graduates the meaning behind a young oak sapling that each member of the Class of 2012 received as a gift from the Office of Alumni Engagement following the ceremony. "Plant your young tree, and let it serve as a reminder that you have been prepared by your education to be a strong force for good in the world," he said. "Remember too that we are the Phoenix. We have faith in the promise of renewal and of new beginnings. God bless and Godspeed."

"Long live Elon!"











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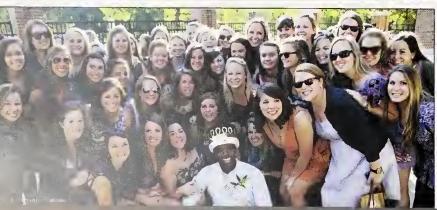








Bloomberg Businessweek gave the Martha & Spencer Love School of Business a #43 ranking for their undergraduate business program.























# ROOTED [in tradition]







constantly hear my advisor saying, "Elon students operate at a higher caliber than most university students." I would have to say, I do agree. Everywhere on campus, students are engaging themselves in all sorts of projects, organizations and, of course, schoolwork. Whether an Honors Fellow is working on their thesis or a member of a sorority is putting together signs for an upcoming philanthropy event, Elon students are always on the go. Who knows if its the beautiful weather that keeps us motivated or the amazing professors that are constantly pushing us to do better than we think we can, but whatever it is, it sure is working. But don't worry, we have our fair share of fun too! On any given sunny day, you are sure to see a group of boys playing basketball outside HBB or girls sunning themselves next to Lake Mary Nell. SUB makes sure to entertain the students with Movies On The Lawn and Midnight Meals; our amazing a cappella groups will serenade with their beautiful voices at their numerous concerts throughout the year. Elon students take any chance to show off their talent and cheer on others. Whatever students are doing, they will always find a place to bELONg here.



Leveryone is nervous for the first day of school, no matter how old you are! But, there is also the excitement of MESTINE . the possibilities the new school year will bring. Everyone could sense the tension on Move-In Day; the nervous smiles of new first year students said it all. But O-Team NOTH #EFOD and Orientation Leaders were there every step of the way, helping to make this day as easy as it could be, from hauling suitcases across the new Colonnades quad to lifting endless REEPOIN NO TE TOTA Target bags, filled with all the comforts of home, up narrow staircases. By the end of the day, all the nervousness that new students may have felt were quickly overcome by WITT OU tired arms and feet. It was an amazing day and everyone **E**ELON TON could not wait to see what else Elon had in store for them! BETH MCKIE | [student life editor] NOTE

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#### Orientation





was not sure what to expect when I signed up last February to be an Orientation Leader, but I quickly found a home within the program. The enthusiasm of the students on Head Staff was contagious and soon I, as well as the other Orientation Leaders, could not wait for the arrival of this year's first-year class. The days of training week were filled with bonding activities and ones that would successfully prepare us to welcome and guide our new students into the Elon community. Through my experience as an Orientation Leader, I was able to strengthen my leadership skills, as well as build on my organizational and public speaking skills. Additionally, Orientation fostered the formation of new friendships, and I came into my sophomore year with many new NSO friends!

DANA HEDMAN | [sophomore orientation leader]









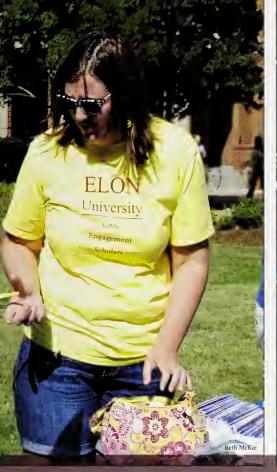






#### Organization fair







It was a beautiful Carolina day as Young Commons filled with students searching to find their niche here at Elon. One of the things I have noticed at Elon is that everyone is involved in a multitude of organizations, ranging from Cooking Club to Invisible Children. Walking around, you could not help but notice the pride that each person had by representing his or her organization. Some handed out food, others put on impromptu concerts just to entice new students to join. By the end of the day, some may have signed up for 10 clubs and organizations, with hands filled with miscellaneous cups and flyers with the hope that they will find their place on campus.

BETH MCKIE | [student life section editor]

MUSICAL ARTIST FRI, SEPT 9 @ 8 PM IRAZU

VISIT HIM AT ORG FAIR 4-6 PM

SEPT 9 ON YOUNG COMMONS

# homecoming







orey Smith? Who's Corey Smith?" That is the question everyone was asking this summer when the Homecoming Concert was announced. Well not anymore. Smith's tunes that dealt with love, breakups, race and alcohol caught the attention of all the Elon students who attended. His cover of "It's a Great Day To Be Alive" had the crowd singing at the top of their lungs and his final song, a mash up, ended the night on a high note for everyone. Corey Smith was a sensational performer and Elon would welcome him and his witty lyrics back to campus any day!



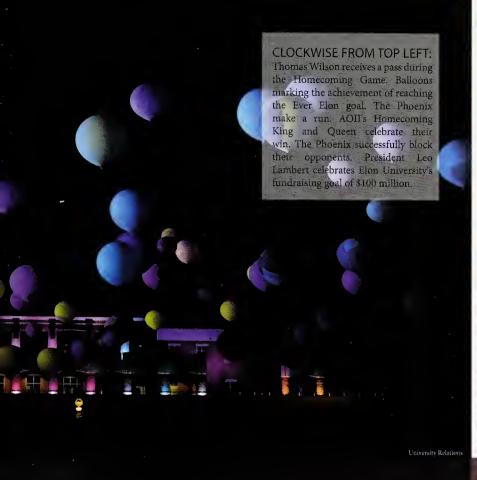


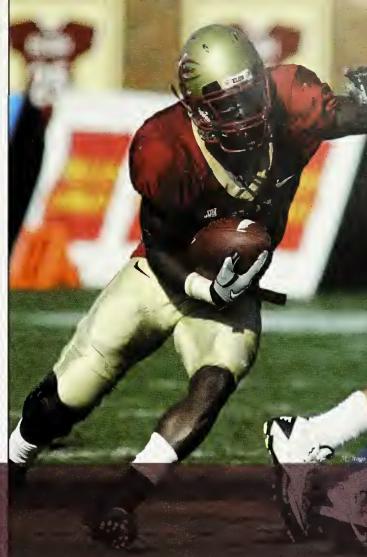


## homecoming Week



Reunions always bring back the fond memories of college years. Homecoming 2011 would bring back all kinds of classes and organizations celebrating landmark reunions. The class of 1961 came back after 50 years away from Elon and found it to be just as special as it had been the first day they arrived. On Friday evening, students and alumni alike attended Rally Elon, which celebrated the university reaching its fund raising goal of \$100 million. The next day, everyone gathered again at Rhodes Stadium to watch our football team take on University of Tennessee Chattanooga. During halftime, students cheered as E.J. Young and Ashton Vincenty were crowned as Homecoming King and Queen. The whole week, alumni and students shared in the excitement this time of year and it truly was one of the best.









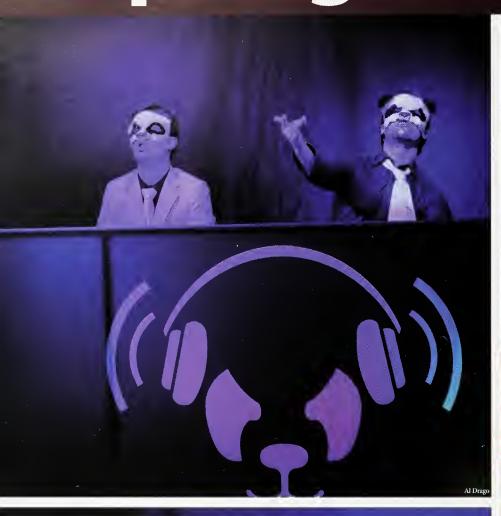


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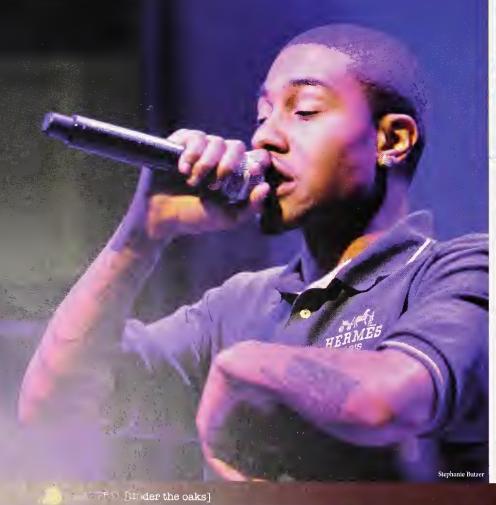


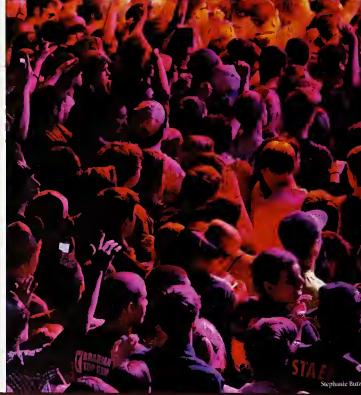


### Spring Concert













hat's up, Elon?" Mac Miller shouted into the microphone. Hundreds of students answered him. A beat dropped, the lights exploded and Miller launched into one of his songs. Elon University's Spring Show, presented by the Student Union Board, became a rapid success as mashup duo The White Panda and rapper Miller were welcomed to the stage in Alumni Gym. Mac Miller, who is kicking off his Macadelic 2012 International Tour with The Cool Kids and The Come Up, performed shortly after The White Panda. Though Miller was not feeling well enough for a pre-show interview, he regained his energy for the performance energy that was an important constant for both groups that performed. The concert's atmosphere was that of a big house party with celebrity DJs. For students looking to unwind from the stress of schoolwork, they had certainly come to the right place. During the fall semester, the Student Union Board presented a survey to Elon students, asking them who they would like to come perform for the community. The artists' names were revealed in February. "Mac Miller was the highest open response that we had on the survey that was in our price range," said senior Jenna Thrash, music chair for SUB.

STEPHANIE BUTZER | [staff writer]











#### elonthon

LONTHON is an experience like no other. We like to call it a party with a purpose! There are plenty of fun things to do like play video games, zumba, listen to a cappella groups, and of course dancing! I am so lucky to have been a part of Exec 2012, as they are one of the most innovative, cooperative group of leaders I have ever worked with. After a year of being with each other we all still love each other and raising the total of \$105,000 at the end of the event when no one thought we could do it was such an incredible feeling. Different this year was that we raised the total at the event which we usually raise three weeks after the event! This means we had three less weeks to fundraise! Our exec and committee members were receptive to big changes and we implemented online fundraising, a video at the beginning of every shift, and overall an event that appealed to a variety of people. I specifically interacted with the families as Families Relations Chair and this for me is the reason why I dance. These kids have been through so much and the least I can do is show my support. FTK!

KATIE SERINGER | [elonthon family relations chair]











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#### Changes On Campus







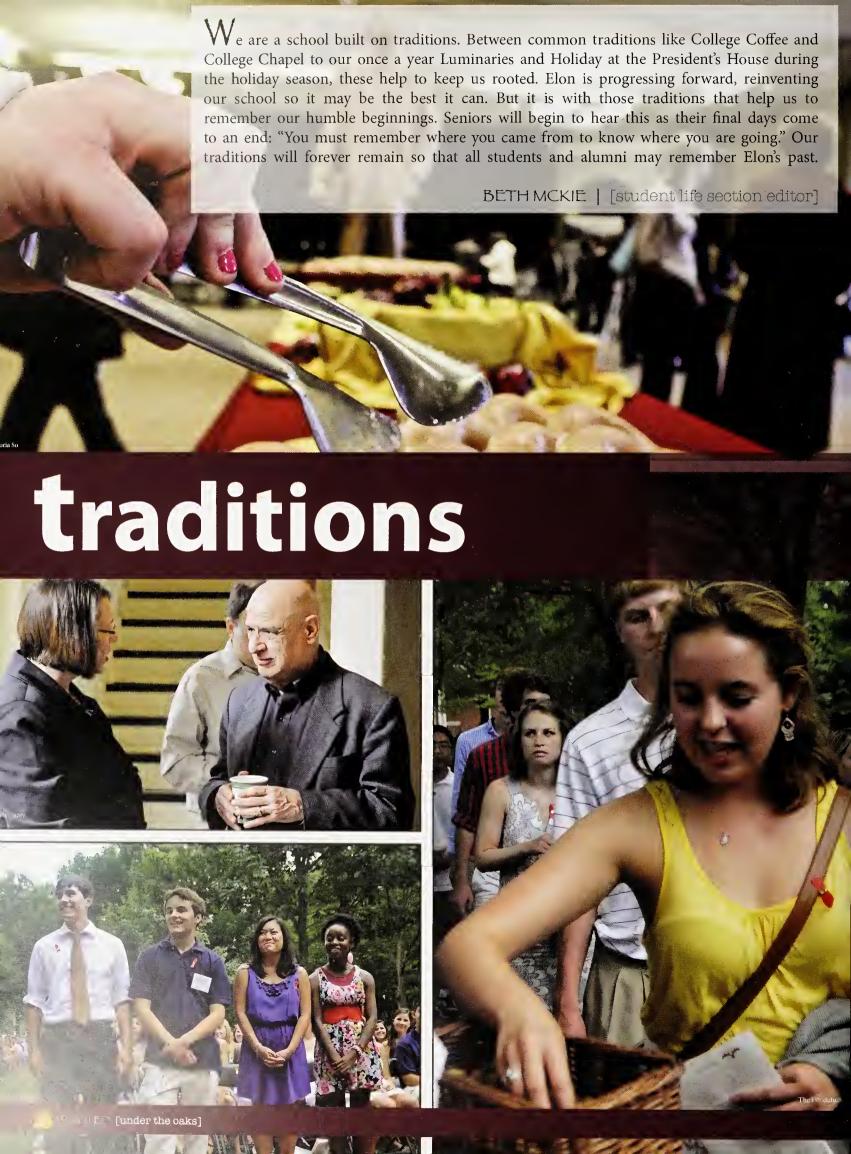






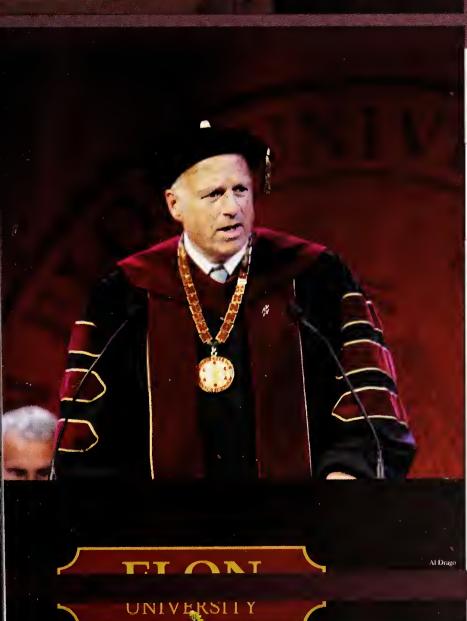
Walking through campus, it is impossible to miss the sounds of construction vehicles in the distance. We have all experienced having to walk the extra five minutes to Lindner because of not being able to cut across the front of the Pavilions or having stared out of the windows of Irazu to see the iron railings staring back at you. But we resist the urge to complain, knowing that in the end, our campus will be just another step above the beauty it already exudes. From the new Colonnades dorms to the Student Professional Development Center, Elon is updating every aspect of our lives here, ensuring that Elon is here to stay.













student life



rom political activists from the Middle East to humor columnists from Florida, Elon exposed students to a very eclectic group of speakers this year. Black History Month brought students Boyce Walkins, who spoke about diversity, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and how to keep his spirit alive. Judith Jameson, who was chosen to speak as part of the Isabella Cannon Distinguished Visiting Professor of Leadership Lecture Series, reinforced the idea that passion is the "key" to being successful. The scholars, artists, dancers and distinguished guest speakers we have heard gave Elon a new way to think about ourselves, the world and the future.





# Speakers





### Campus recreation











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Students gather for the annual Turkey Trot, an early morning 5k run before Thanksgiving Break. Campus Rec advertises at the Org Fair. Students and faculty alike compete in the Turkey Trot. Elon Club Swimming recruits new members. Bri Taft works the front test. Teams get intense during a tug-of-war battle during SportsFest.







# Student Union board

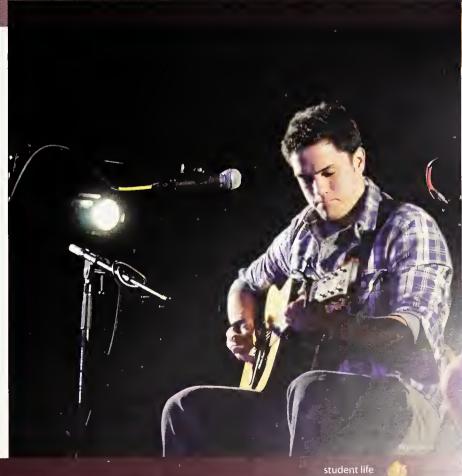














he Student Government Association represents the more than 5,000 undergraduate students at Elon University. The 60 member Senate represents each of the four academic classes, each academic school, and each of the more than 140 student organizations that receive funding from the Student Government Association. While the Student Government Association is known best for allocating money to student organizations as well as for representing the rights of students, the organization does much more. Whether it was planning this year's Homecoming events, providing students with scholarships, or addressing student issues, the Student Government Association has had a successful year of providing service and leadership to all Elon University undergraduate students.

SAM WARREN | [sga executive president]

# Student Government









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# resident Student

This year Residence Life has been all about changes. North Area, an area where many seniors and juniors made their first memories at Elon, was only half standing. Story Center was torn down to build the new Global Dining hall leaving Harper Center still standing for its last year. To celebrate its final year, the North Area Council and RSA put on the biggest Polar Bear Plunge that Elon has ever seen. Many students were calling it the Finale. Although North Area will be sincerely missed, new memories were made all year in the brand new Colonnades buildings. To keep tradition alive, the old names of North Area, Staley, Moffitt, Harper, Colclough, Chandler, and Maynard, have all been recycled, renaming the new Colonnades and a few of the Danieley Center flats. Finally, Residence Life was getting ready for the new Station at Mill Point to open in August 2012. Welcoming the changes, Reslife spent the year helping students love where they live and working under this year's motto: we are one!

SARAH HOOPES | [north area resident area coordinator]



# association











# leadership









he Isabella Cannon Leadership Program is a unique leadership development program focused on incorporating personal growth with professional development and combining teaching with doing. The program is made of a group of students with diverse experiences and interests who are motivated to create positive change in themselves, others and the global community. The program is divided into four phases, each of which have their own separate curriculum of workshops and requirements. Each phase has anywhere between 30 - 150 student members. The program finishes with a Phase Four Legacy project where students will create their own projects that are meant to permanently and positively impact the university in some way.

ANDREW SOMERS | [ICLP member]







# reserve Officers'



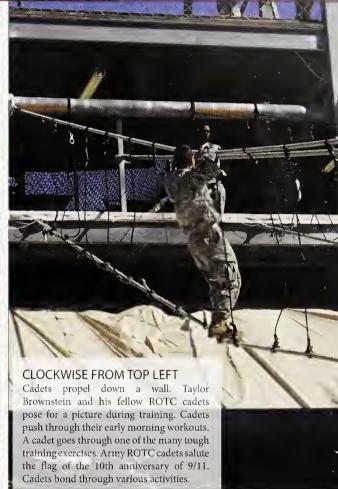




Lon Army ROTC holds itself to an extraordinary standard. Our mission is to train cadets to be the future leaders of the U.S. Army. The cadets go through extensive training to prepare themselves for Warrior Forge, a 4 week evaluation course. Cadets attend Warrior Forge in the summer between their junior and senior year. Throughout the year the cadets will both plan and actively run training events that range from leading squads of 8-12 other cadets to leading companies of 20-50 cadets. Phoenix Company is a subordinate company under the Aggie Battalion which is headquartered at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro. As a part of the Aggie Battalion the cadets of Phoenix Company train regularly with student-soldiers from Guilford College, Greensboro College, UNCG, High Point, and Bennett College. Army ROTC provides students a unique leadership experience that prepares them for future leadership challenges both in and out of the U.S. Army.

# training Corps

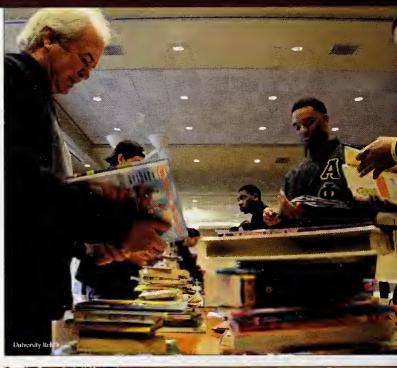






# Service &











# Volunteering



As the largest service organization on campus, Elon Volunteers! is committed to offering students, faculty and staff a wide range of opportunities to become engaged, mindful citizens. From regular, year round programs such as Lunch Buddies and EV! Tutoring to short-term, yet intensive domestic and international alternative break trips, EV! has something for everyone. This year, we added two new awareness programs, Oxfam, an international non-profit that works to alleviate world hunger and social injustice, and Sierra Club, which focuses on spreading environmental awareness and sustainability. We also have a new alternative break trip to Malawi this summer during which students will volunteer in an orphanage and help sustain a local community partner. EV! is passionate about addressing social injustices in our local community and around the world because we believe that sustainable social change is possible if we all do our part to serve.

CAROLINE TAYLOR | [kernodle center intern]







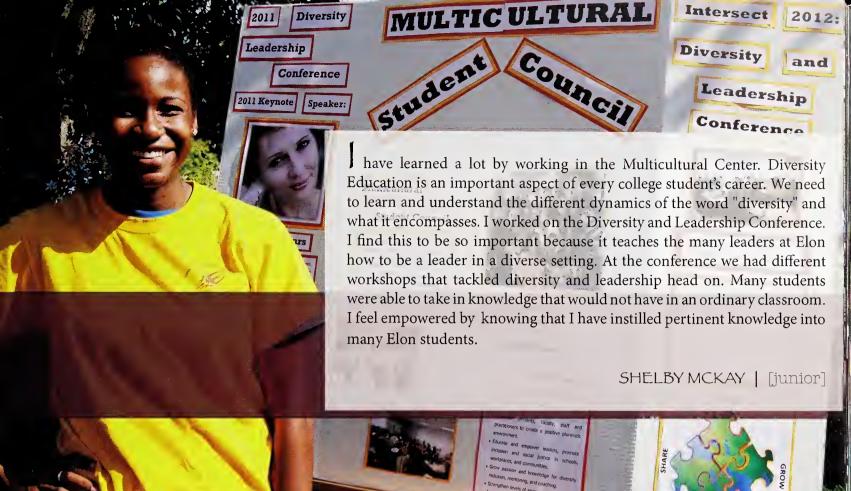


## multicultural













rom its beginning Elon was heavily rooted in its Christian background, but now, religion on campus takes many forms, from Campus Outreach to Hillel to the Muslim Student Association. This year, we felt a very strong Hindu presence on campus as the first Holi Festival of Colors was celebrated this March. There is no shortage of spiritual life at Elon and because of our dedication to enhancing spirituality at Elon, the university is now in the process of building a new Multi-faith Center in the Academic Pavilions. The Numen Lumen Pavilion will be home to the Vera Richardson Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life, giving students of all faith a comfortable environment to practice.

BETH MCKIE | [student life section editor]

# religious



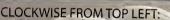






Small Groups

# Organizations



The Elon Community Church is home to many events held on campus. Sigma Alpha Omega sisters represent their letters. Members of Hillelgather for a dinner at their faculty sponsor's house. Elon celebrated its first Holi event this year. SAO sisters pose during their formal. Intervarsity is one of the largest religious organizations on campus. Tracy Raetz attends one of Hillel's annual dinners.











## CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Tri Sigma smiles for the camera. Senior Lizzie Johnson shares a moment with her little and g-little. Kappa Delta members take a moment for a photo at one of their events, Sigma Kappa welcomes their new pledge class on Bid Day. Phi Mu members smile in their letter shirts. Alpha Xi Delta at a tailgate. Go Greek poster. Tracy Raetz smiles with Maggie Brown. Tri Sigma seniors enjoy time together. Alpha Omicron Pi shows off their letters. Iri Delta's mascot is the dolphin. Alpha Chi Omega stands with their letters. Phi Mu wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

# Panhellenic Council



















Being able to be a part of a council as strong as the PHC has been one of my best Elon experiences so far. It is such an honor to be able to represent Elon Greek Life. The Panhellenic belief in a unified Greek community is something that I have the privilege of seeing lived out every single day. Each sorority is unique and has wonderful things to offer. In addition, with all of the sororities combined together, we form an awesome and valuable Greek system on our campus. My position as Assistant Recruitment Director entails me to select and train Pi Chis (recruitment counselors) that will serve as leaders for the incoming women going through the recruitment process. Being a part of the Pi Chi training process is a rewarding experience because it helps women find a place within the Greek system to call home.

MMYBIRD | [phc assistant recruitment director





# Interfraternity



FC is a meeting of the leaders of all the fraternities and the Greek life administration to discuss matters for all organizations. It includes maintaining our relations with the Elon administration as well as our inter-fraternity relations and our relations within each organization. IFC establishes rules for each fraternity to follow in regards to GPA, rush, and community service among others.

JAY ROSENCRANS | [ifc member]

Thomas Berry



















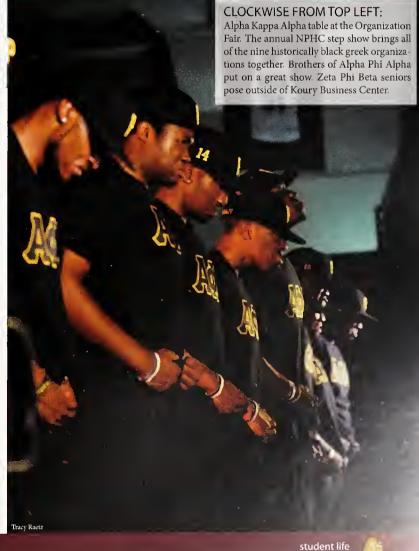




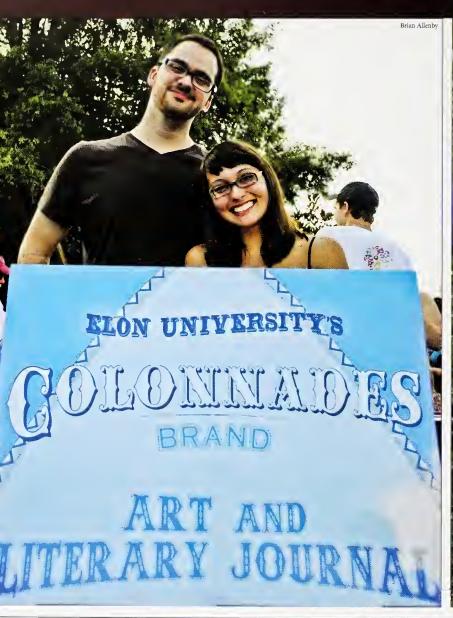
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## Student Media



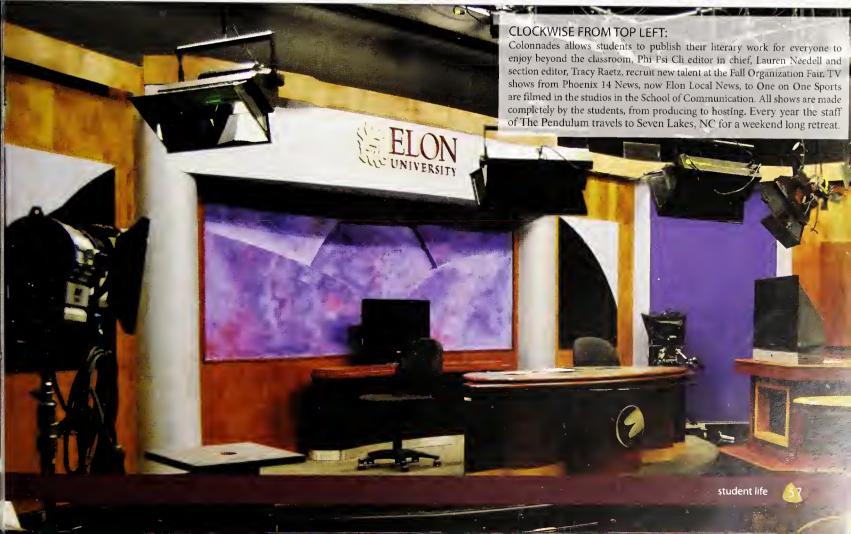




tudent media at Elon provides an outlet for creativity that otherwise might never be realized. Each year, Elon's media organizations allow students to reach a limitless audience through videos and television programs, newsprint, radio productions, and more. This year, the student media story that caused the most buzz revolved around a Pendulum article published in a December newspaper where an underage student was quoted, supposedly with permission, as having a fake ID that she used to get into Elon bars and purchase alcohol. After publication, she faced a Student Conduct investigation with caused The Pendulum to fire back with a "Hypocrisy Exposed" editorial accusing Elon of violating First Amendment rights to free speech. This caused an uproar around campus with students and professors writing letters to the editor in protest. The other media organizations on campus may not have caused a similar splash, but they still made headlines. Elon's radio station, WSOE, continued to air 'The Carnal Romp," Elon's only sex talk show, which caused some debate this year, its first full year, with shows covering opics such as sex positions. Limelight Records, Elon's studentun record label, worked hard this year to finally become ecognized by the Media Board. In the fall, Colonnades, Elon's literary magazine, was named a Pacemaker finalist for he second time and Phi Psi Cli, Elon's Yearbook, won several wards for the 2011 book. Finally, Phoenix 14, a part of Elon-Student Television, attended the Radio Television Digital News Association of the Carolinas' convention and won everal awards for their show.

LAUREN NEEDELL | [phi psi cli editor in chief]





# a Cappella groups



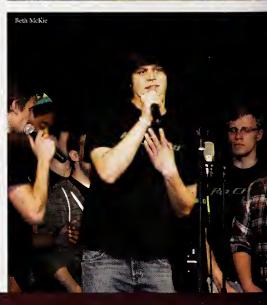
My experience in Sweet Signatures has been life-changing. I can't even describe what it feels like to be surrounded by some of the most incredible, talented women I know every week and create beautiful music. Since auditions are the first week of school, the members of Sweet Sigs were some of my first friends on campus. Even though it is only my second year in the group, we have already been able to be a part of some amazing events. We have sung at a wedding while the bride walked down the aisle, during a marriage proposal, at high schools, and of course for various events around campus such as Midnight Meals, Greek life philanthropy events, and much more. We and other members of a cappella groups at Elon are often recognized around campus and I'm proud to say I'm a member of Sweet Sigs. It's a lot of work rehearsing at least six hours a week, trying to learn new music, arranging songs, and trekking to gigs around North Carolina (and even a few gigs in Florida!) but it is absolutely worth every second of my time and I wouldn't give it up for the world. This spring, we will be recording Sweet Signature's first Christmas album to be released next winter and I can't wait!

LINDSEY MAXWELL | [sweet signatures member]













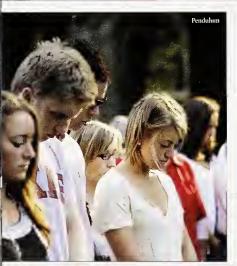






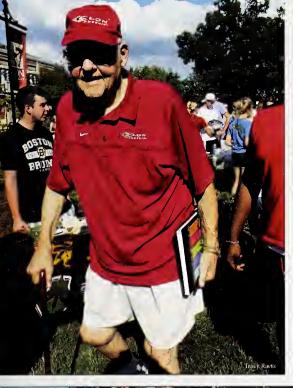




















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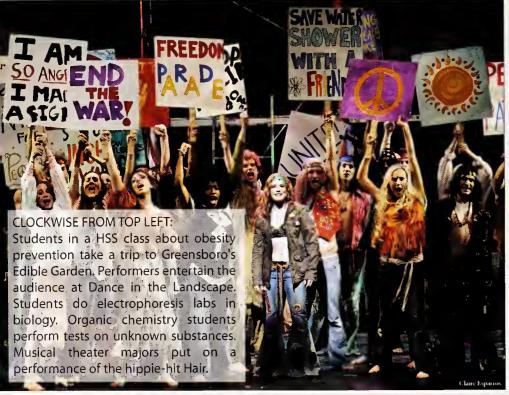
# Named the number two Southern University in the 2012 "America's Best Colleges" guide, Elon academics are definitely a cut above the rest. With over 60 majors and hundreds of extracurricular activities offered on campus, Elon presents more for incoming students than just stellar academics. The incoming freshman class for the 2011-2012 school year had an average GPA of 3.9, which shows just how outstanding the students are. Not only does Elon have challenging courses with outstanding professors, 86% of which have a PhD or other top degrees, but it also offers opportunities beyond the classroom including undergraduate research, studying abroad, service learning, and internships. Elon University has a lot to present its students with, including

TRACY RAETZ | [academics section editor]

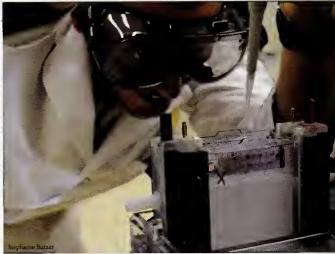


close relationships with faculty and a strong sense of community.









he College of Arts and Sciences provides students with various options in areas of study ranging from Dance and English to Political Science and Biochemistry. With 40 fields, Elon students are able to choose and even create their particular major and minor. This year, students across the College of Arts and Sciences had noteworthy accomplishments. 'Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical', a musical that is currently traveling across the country, was performed by students in the Department of Performing Arts. In International Studies news, freshman Omolayo Ojo, a native of Nigeria, became an American citizen in October. This year, four new majors and a new minor were introduced to the college curriculum including Information Science, Early Childhood Education, Public Health Studies and Arts Administration. These new majors give students even more opportunities to follow their passion while at Elon. The College of Arts and Sciences allows students to pursue numerous career options with the many majors and minors it provides. With the addition of Elon's Learning Requirements of Study Abroad Programs, Academic Service-Learning, Leadership Development, Undergraduate Research and Internships, students are able to further enhance their college careers and create a start to their success.

MEGAN MURRAY | [english major]



# arts & Sciences





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An artist works on her painting in Arts West. Dance majors perform together in the Academic Pavilion. Students' photography hangs on display in the halls of Arts West. Students use the amphitheater for their performances. Musical theater majors go to extremes in Hair.

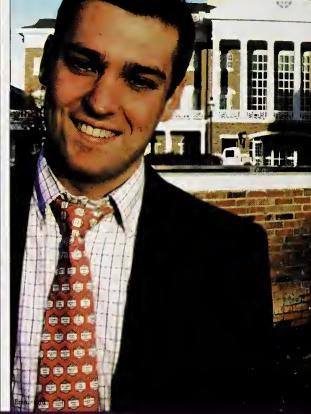












# School Of business

he Martha and Spencer Love School of Business serves more than 20% of the Elon undergraduate body. Even though that means there are well over 1,000 students learning within Koury Business Center each week, there always familiar faces around. You'll often see people in study groups, mingling in the hallways, or talking after classes. The professors also have close relationships with many of their students, which is easily noticed when looking inside the always open office doors. While the atmosphere is casual within the business school, there is always an obvious sense of professionalism. It is as common to see students in professional attire as it is to see them in gym shorts and t-shirts. This professionalism extends to successful student-run workshops and events. Elon's business students have also found success in numerous statewide, national, and international competitions. The trophy case as you enter the building, the banners occasionally hanging from the walls, and the posts on E-Net represent just some of LSB student successes. It's easy to see why Elon was recognized as the 26th ranked program in terms of undergraduate academic quality and the 19th ranked Entrepreneurship program in the country.

BRIAN SEROW | [marketing major]









# School Of





# Communications

lon's School of Communications teaches students to become effective communicators who contribute to today's digital global age through thought and various forms of media. Around 1,000 students, about 20 percent of Elon's undergraduate enrollment, major in Communications. Elon's communications program, along with 17 other communications programs at private colleges and universities in the United States, is nationally accredited by ACEJMC, the highest level of program quality in mass communications and journalism. This year the School of Communications has added a new major, Sport and Event Management, to the four other majors offered through the program: Journalism, Strategic Communications, Communication Science and Media Arts and Entertainment. Professional internships are a graduation requirement that encourage students to seek experience outside the classroom. Elon offers summer communications programs in Los Angeles and New York as well as opportunities much closer to home on Elon's campus. Communications students participate in student organizations including Elon's weekly newspaper, The Pendulum, the school radio program, WSOE, the student-run communications agency, Live Oak, and the student yearbook, Phi Psi Cli. Forty faculty members help guide students to realize their potential impact on the world around them and have contributed to building a strong communications program that is evident through most aspects of everyday Elon life.

CHAPIN BLANCHARD | [staff writer]











### School Of Education





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ne of the most outstanding and notable programs offered at Elon is the School of Education. The famous saying, "A good teacher is like a candle - it consumes itself to light the way for others" stands to be proven true, for while embarking down the route of the Department of Education, students will not only learn from professors who will steadfastly guide them, but they also blossom into the teachers who continue to inspire. As senior Corey Hutkin loves to tell, "The faculty have provided me with the most relevant tools for my success as a future educator." While at Elon, students can earn degrees in early childhood, elementary, middle grades, secondary and special education. In addition, the graduate program offers concentrations in elementary, special and gifted education. When asked about her first year involved with the Teaching Fellows, freshman Amanda Holt claims, "Coming to the School of Education is like coming into a family." Regardless of where a student aspires to work in the field of education, the most important aspect to understand is that the Department of Education is truly comprised of some of the most brilliant and commendable faculty and dedicated students.

MACKENZIE DANIEL | [copy edi





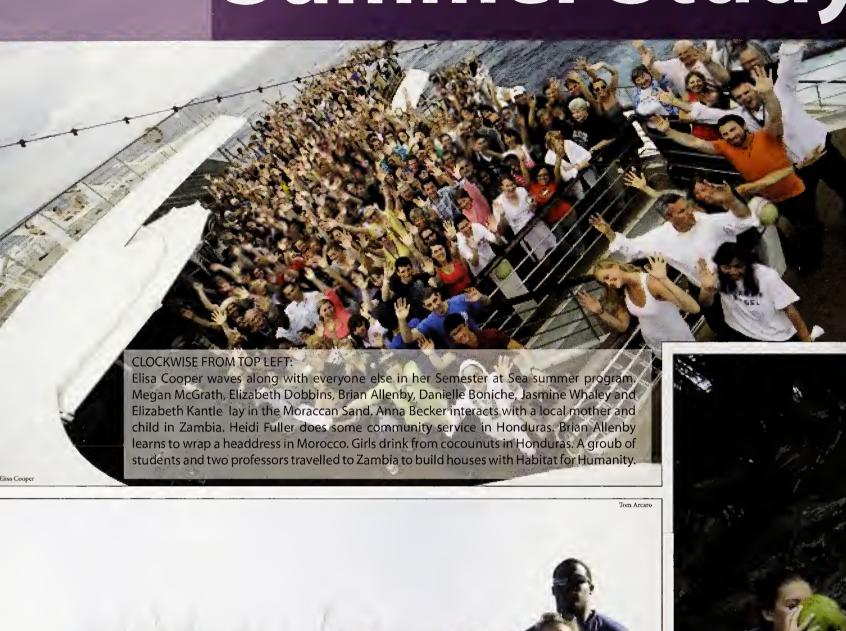


### graduate programs





### Summer Study





At Elon, study abroad is usually a question of when, not if. Summer is a time students often spend on international adventures, building upon academic and extracurricular experiences. "Participating in the summer service trip to Morocco was one of the best decisions I have ever made," junior. Heather Cassano said. "I had the opportunity to meet Moroccans my age and discuss stereotypes and current events. I visited many different cities, experienced some of both the traditional and modern culture, and made life long friends." For many, the months between spring and fall semesters are ideal for travel. "Using the Kernodle Center as an opportunity to study abroad was a great way for me to experience a different country without having the time or the funds to spend an entire semester in Morocco," she said. Experiences abroad offer students new perspectives, and encourage a deeper appreciate for international exposure. The trip inspired me to write a new study abroad proposal and continue to travel abroad. The opportunities these service trips provide is one of a kind, and this experience is one of my favorites at Elon."

REBECCA WICKEL | [contributing writer]

### abroad





















### fall Study abroad



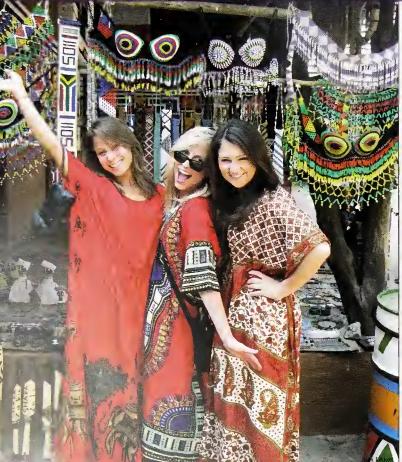


Opending a semester through Elon's program in Florence, Italy was truly a life-changing experience. It was great to be able to travel, live and take classes with other Elon students as well as to have an Elon professor there with us for the semester. Being in Europe was amazing because we were able to travel to many different countries very easily and for fairly low fares. I definitely learned a lot about myself and grew tremendously not only as a student but also as a person during my time abroad. It made me appreciate many of the great things Elon has to offer, and although I had the time of my life, I missed the comfort of Elon's campus, and returning to school after being gone for so long was just like walking through the door of my own home.

KAITLYN ANTONELLI | [florence, fall 2011]

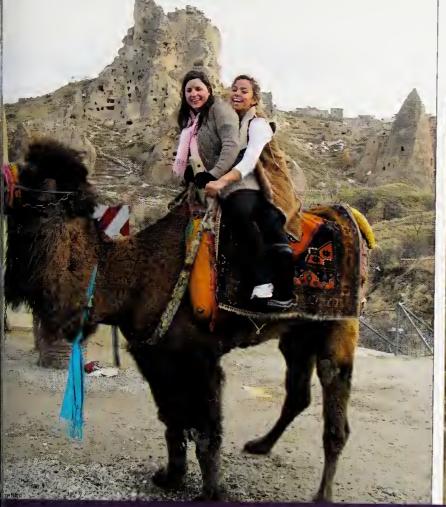














### term Study abroad

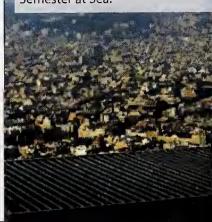


love studying abroad for Winter Term. You get to see the highlights of the places you are visiting while learning about the culture and environment surrounding you. It is also great travelling with students from Elon because the friendships can continue once back on campus. This year I did my second Winter Term abroad trip and travelled to Peru. It was a fast paced trip, including almost daily 5 am wake up calls, but we got to see so much of the country. We encountered a good mix of city life, including Lima, Cuzco, and Arequipa, with rural life, such as a homestay on Amantani, an largely agricultural island where electricity is rare. We went to a weaving district and watched experts make gorgeous textiles. We braved the weather and climbed to the peak overlooking Machu Picchu. We tested our bargaining skills in Spanish during visits to hectic markets and for the most part, walked away victors (in our minds at least). Overall, studying abroad for Winter Term is an experience I would recommend to everyone and I will be sad once I leave Elon and will no longer have the opportunity to study abroad for Winter Term.

LAUREN NEEDELL | [peru, winter term 2012

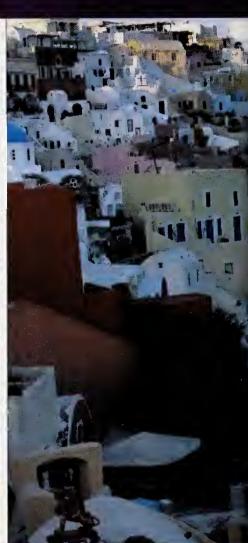


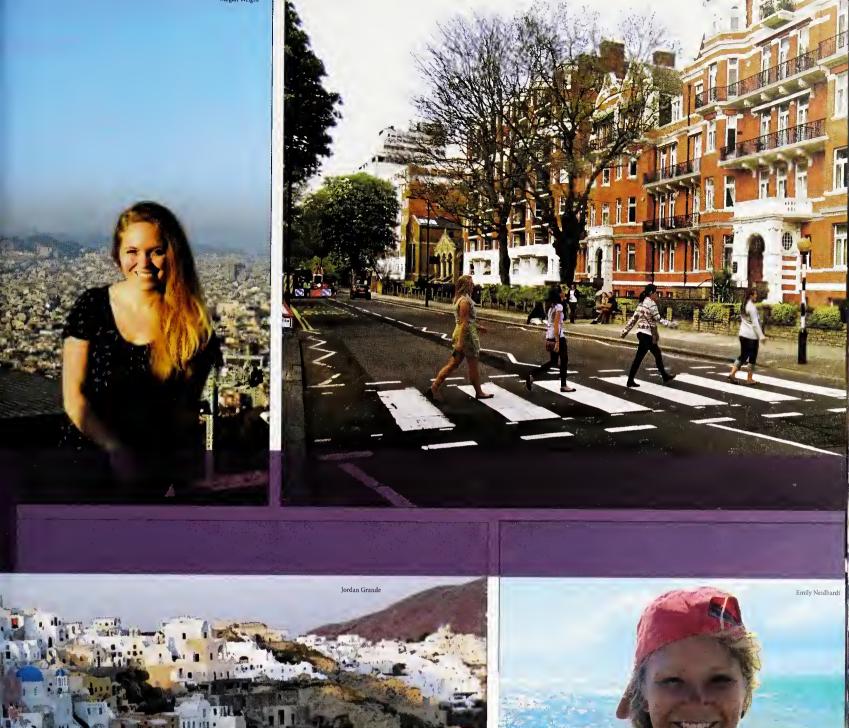
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Students studying in Costa Rica journey to Nicaragua. Megan Wright spent her semester in Barcelona. Linda Terry, Liz Perdue, Hayley Rees and Katie Osborn stike a pose on Abbey Road. Emily Neidhardt spent some of her free time in Turks and Caicos catching turtles. Jordan Grande studied abroad in Florence. Rebecca Cummings jumps with friends while in Mauritius during Semester at Sea.

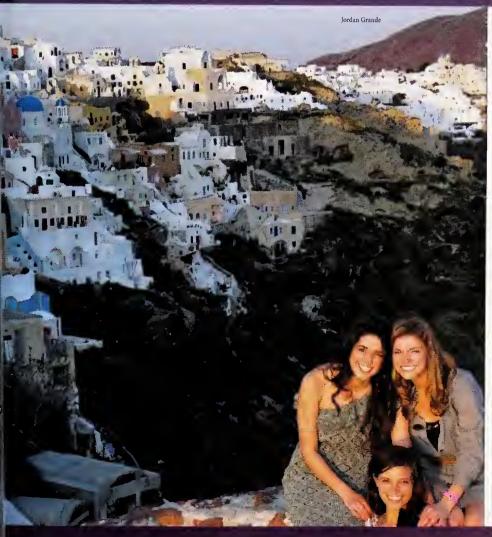


### Spring Study abroad











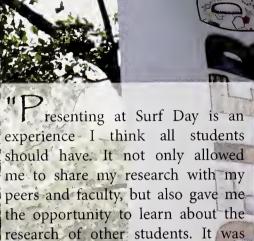
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GRACE ELKUS | [sophomore]

hard-work but worth it in the end!"









# learning







### el Centro

Centro de Español is Elon University's Spanish language center which provides students, faculty, and staff with the opportunity to continue their learning of the Spanish language and surrounding cultures out of the classroom. El Centro offers cultural events, conversation classes, and community service, in addition to the immersion environment that is always present in El Centro itself. Upon walking through the doors of El Centro, youfind yourself in a different world where a staff of teachers and students from a variety of Spanish speaking countries add their unique versions of the Spanish language and culture to the immersion environment open to everyone on campus. Students log their hours of participation in El Centro events such as cooking classes, movie nights or the random Spanish board game, in hopes of earning the free plane ticket awarded to students with 140 hours in El Centro. El Centro offers students a unique experience to get a taste of immersion right here on campus, while working for a ticket to a Spanish-speaking country.

EMILY GRIZZARD | [seniors section editor]



















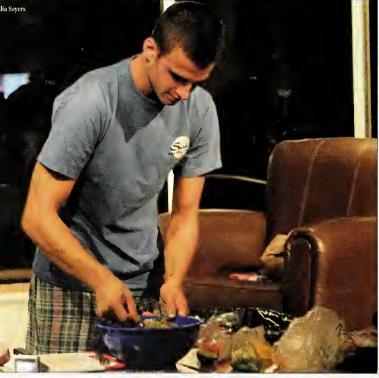


### Organizations













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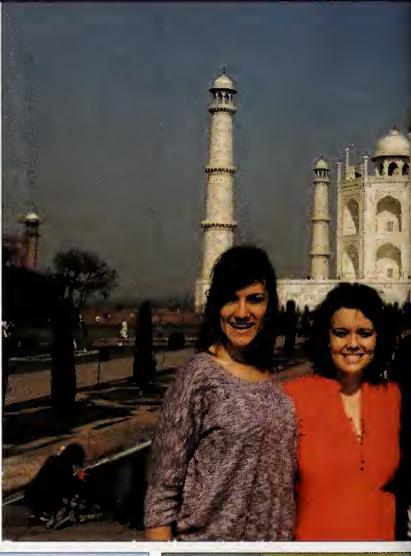
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dembers of SPARKS at the Bachus National Peer Education convention. Dr. David Neville practices Aikido with student ohn Bastian in a Rec Center studio with the Aikido Club. Tooke Kassner and Rob Dean, president and vice president Model United Nations. Caroline Medley and Justin Pierce chearse with Flight of the Phoenix for the National DanceSport nampionships. Mu Phi Epsilon at a district conference. Members SPECTRUM at a cookout. Elon's Finest hip-hop group striking pose. A group of students in Elon's Invisible Children Club ke part in the national 'Cover the Night' campaign by creating osters to raise awareness about Kony.

### Organizations

### Periclean Scholars



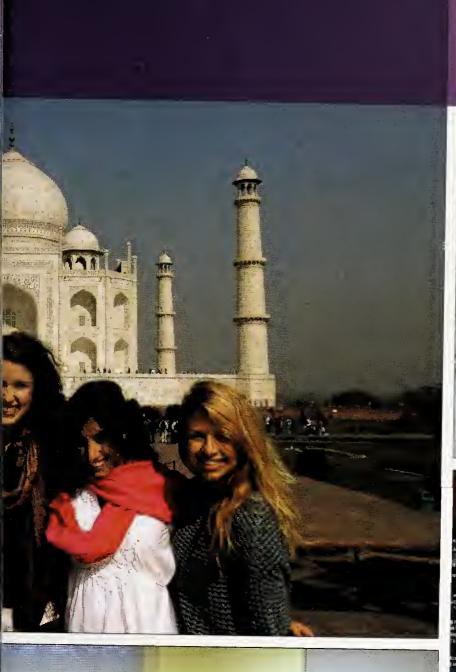




As Periclean Scholars, we are part of a national program dedicated to promoting complex awareness of global issues and creating meaningful partnerships that provide mutually enriching educational experiences and tangible solutions to discrete, locally defined problems. The Periclean program was introduced to Elon University in 2002 and groups of students have since traveled to regions across the globe, including Ghana, Sri Lanka, India, Mexico. The Class of 2014 is excited, however, to be the first of Elon's Pericleans to engage in a project within our own country in central Appalachia, with the help of our mentor, Ken Hassell, who has worked in Appalachia for many years. We will be collaborating with the community members of Whitesville, West Virginia and confronting a variety of issues in the area through research, interactions, partnerships, and conversations. We are simultaneously seeking to foster a greater awareness of the complexities of the Appalachian region in our own community right here on campus. The upcoming Class of 2015 will be working in Haiti with Bud Warner and we are all excited to see where their project takes them.

BETH MCKIE | [periclean 2014 member]

















## Student

In the Earl Hartwell family, catching the garter and bouquet is a full contact sport. All these silly rituals just seemed to make me tired. What was really the point? It was like people who believe in fairies and leprechauns. I couldn't even muster up the energy to try for the garter. As if to exemplify the idiocy, some sixteen-year-old, pimply faced kid catches it. A chant starts up, "Termite! Termite! Termite!..." No doubt a Moorby caught the garter. What a farce. I opted to get even better acquainted with Captain Morgan and coke.

"Mrs. Casey Flynn, your presence is requested up on the stage for the bouquet toss," the MC said. Casey made her way up on the stage, looking like white cotton candy, while the single women gathered in the hopes of catching their man. Casey turned her back to the gaggle and tossed the bouquet. I lose interest and go back to the Captain.

EMILY BISHOP | [excerpt from story]





### art and literature







Lon's Musical Theater program is nationally renowned and grooms students for a thriving career in the entertainment industry. This past year, students put on multiple breathtaking performances including Hair, Elon Cares and MacBeth. Students involved in the program not only know how to act, but they offer a "triple-threat" with talents in singing and dancing as well. Not only do faculty prepare students for their future careers, but the students entertain their fellow peers with their talents on stage.

TRACY RAETZ | [academics section editor]



### CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Stephanie Scribner played Arlene in "Getting Out." The Department of Performing Arts presented "Getting Out" by Marsha Norman the Blackbox October 5-11. "Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical" ran October 27-29 and November 3-5 in McCrary Theater. "Pride and Prejudice," Jane Austen's classic story of social class and relationships, showed April 19-22 in McCrary. Shakespeare's classic tragedy of love and murder, "MacBeth," ran from February 1-4 in the Blackbox. "A Man of No Importance" was part of the Blackbox Festival on April 24-28. The Department of Performing Arts presented "She Loves Me" February 9-12 about anonymous pen pals who don't know just how close they are to each other.







### theatre productions



















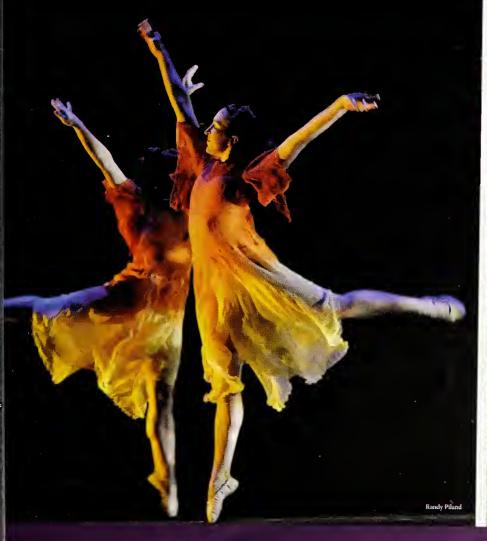
### **CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:**

Colette Dong and Julie Crothers perform together at Dancing in the Blackbox. Sophie McNeill and Brenna Dames performing a dance choreographed by Jason Aryeh. Sarah Beacham and Leah Palmer during Dancing in the Blackbox. Caroline Yaksich performs in the Academic Pavilion. Emily DeVito and Carly Flynn performing a dance choreographed by Cherie Bower. Jess Duffy entertains the audience at the Fused Moves Spring Concert.





# dance performances





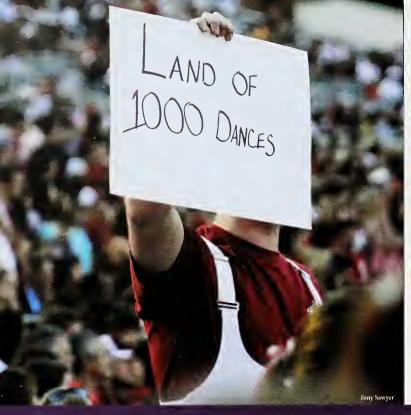


### music performances



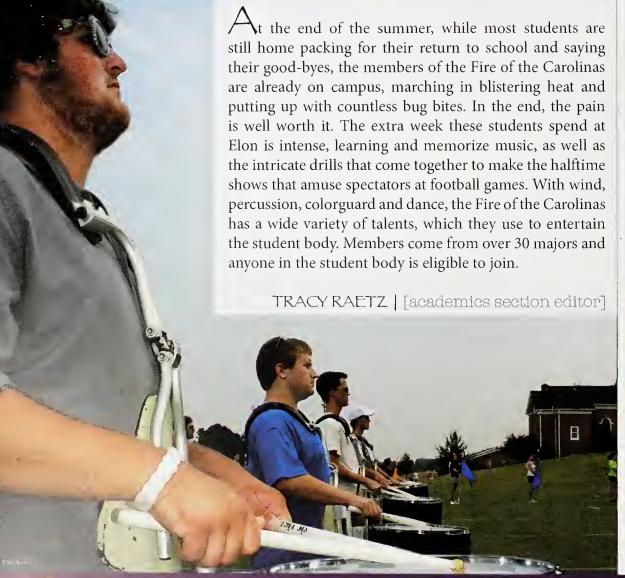








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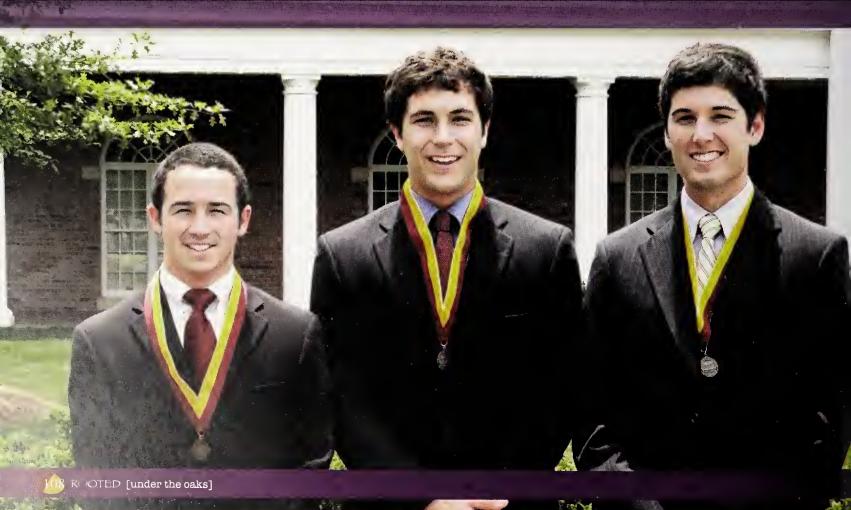




# business fellows









# Communications fellows



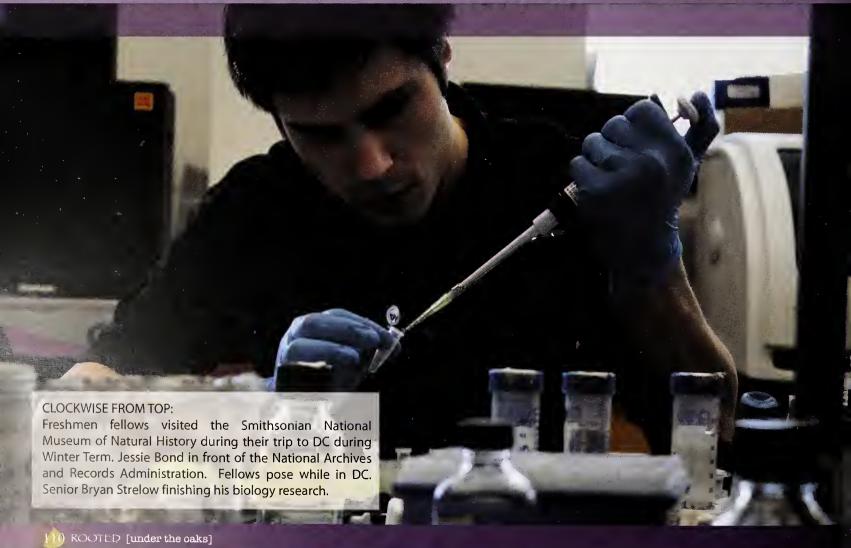


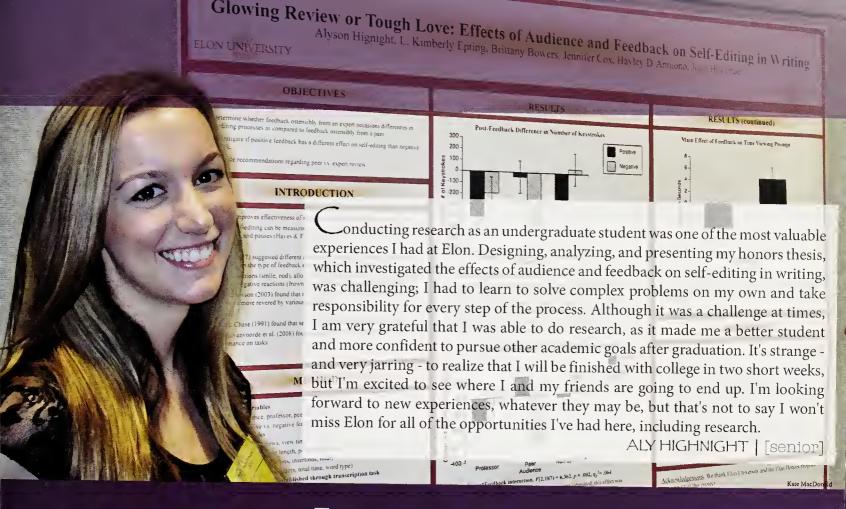
# elon College fellows











### honors fellows















# teaching fellows





# leadership fellows











### CREATIVE LIVING.

"I loved living and working in New York City, it was the perfect culmination of everything I had done at Elon so far."

ALEX JOHNSTON | [intern at martha stewart living]



# internships





### **CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:**

Senior Alex Johnston at her internship at Martha Stewart Living. Sophomore Nicole Chadwick during her internship at News 8 in Dallas, Texas. Junior Julie Morse poses behind the desk during her internship at News 9 Now. Janae Frazier had an internship at NBC in Connecticut. Meagan Harrison double checks her photos from her internship in Honduras. Kelsey Sullivan also had an internship in Honduras where she was able to put her creativity to use everyday.































# ROOTED [in competition



hroughout the school year, the Elon community comes together for the common spirit of competition as our friends and classmates fight for the number one spot on the field and court. Anyone can see the love the Elon community has for its athletes by the number of fans cheering in the stands. Varsity-level athletes work hard on and off the field as Student-Athletes, balancing rigorous workloads with strenuous practices and workouts. Non-Athletes usually see the result of the time, dedication and hard work that these Student-Athletes put into their craft. Sports are not just for varsity athletes, though. Students are able to compete in friendly competition through Club Sports with other schools and Intramural Sports among Elon students as well. Elon provides 26 club sports and 21 intramural sports for students to participate in. Through our athletics, students carry the spirit of our old mascot, the Fighting Christians, as we cheer and fight for our school. GO PHOENIX!

MEGAN MURRAY | [sports and news editor]

University Relation

# sports



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n 1. The pride that ties me to you and everyone else in the Elon community.
v1. Living the maroon life.



# Phoenix Phanatics









his past year, Elon Athletics pushed the slogan "Live the Maroon Life." I think that at Elon this phrase really resonates with fans because they can all identify with it in different ways. Some people Live the Maroon Life by literally wearing maroon, some support specific sports teams, and some see it as just a way to connect with the university. I Live the Maroon Life by supporting as many sports teams as possible whether it is by being in attendance at a game or by tweeting about an event I can't attend. I became an Elon sports fan because I was a member. of Elon's marching band the Fire of the Carolinas. Yelling and cheering for our teams was just a ton of fun and it shows pride in your school. As someone who loves this university, I couldn't imagine not being a fan of our sports program no matter how big or small it is. Elon athletics has given me something that my Elon experience wouldn't have been complete without: being part of a team. EU YOU KNOW!

ALLIE SOLENDER | ["elon's biggest fan"]









# football



Head Football Coach Assistant Football Coach Director of Football Operations

Jason Swepson Chris Pincince Ed Pinkham Scott Browne Ron Mattes Kevin Downing **Bobby Blick** Jerrick Hall Al Washington Dan O'Brien Eric Estes



### Roster

Jerelle Armstrong Rodney Autsin Kenton Beal **Odell Benton** Taylor Berry Gavin Billings Brandon Brant Jay Brown Kierre Brown Ricky Brown Juan Burnett **Edward Burns** Rushaun Byrd Gary Coates Jonathan Conner Michael Crispi Ned Cuthbertson Andre Davis Robert Davis Alexander Dawson Steven DeCarlo Christian Dennis Phillip Dobbins Austin Donnald Matt Eastman Drew Ferkol Lawson Furr Brian Gerwig William Hairston Logan Hardin

A.J. Harris Chris Harris Zach Henderson Kvle Herbert Lawson Hodges Kyle Huff Tario Hunter Jeremy Iglesi, Jr. Tevin James Clay Johnson Joe Jones Jordan Jones Joshua Jones Evan Kendrick Andre Labinowicz Adam LaFleur Akeem Langham Ivan Ledesma Quinton Lightfoot Luke Martin Thomas McGuire Darrius McQueen Aaron Mellette Shay Newcomer Michael Pearson Jeremy Peterson Mike Quinn John Reece Mark Rehbein

Elliot Richardson Dale Riley **Jacob Roberts** Rasaun Rorie **Dustin Ruff** Danny Sellers Adam Shreiner Jamal Shuman David Smith **Austin Sowell** Jonathan Spain **Andew Straus** Rob Sullivan Dontay Taylor Thonda Taylor Blake Thompson Jordan Thompson Tony Thompson Derek Vareen Dennis Wagner Justin Ward Joe Watkins Will Wenz David Williams Miles Williams Thomas Wilson David Wood Chandler Wrightenberry

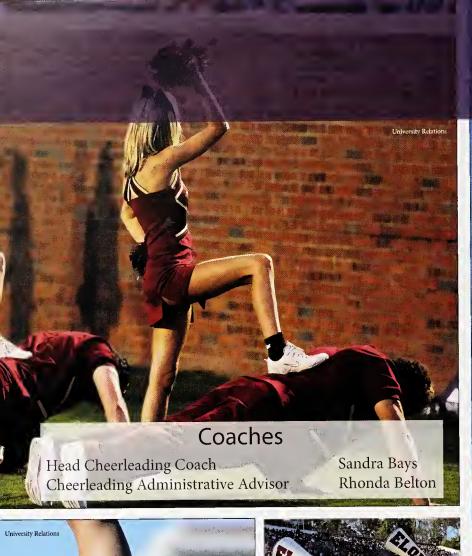




Blake Rice

Win, 42-10 Concord North Carolina Central Win, 22-23 Win, 18-15 The Citadel Georgia Southern Loss, 41-14 Win; 31-38 Western Carolina Loss, 31-43 Samford UT Chattanooga Loss, 42-18 Wofford Loss, 28-48 Win, 34-41 Furman Appalachian State Loss, 28-24

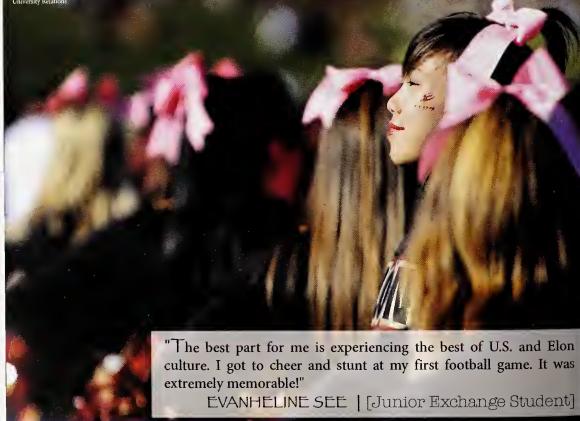












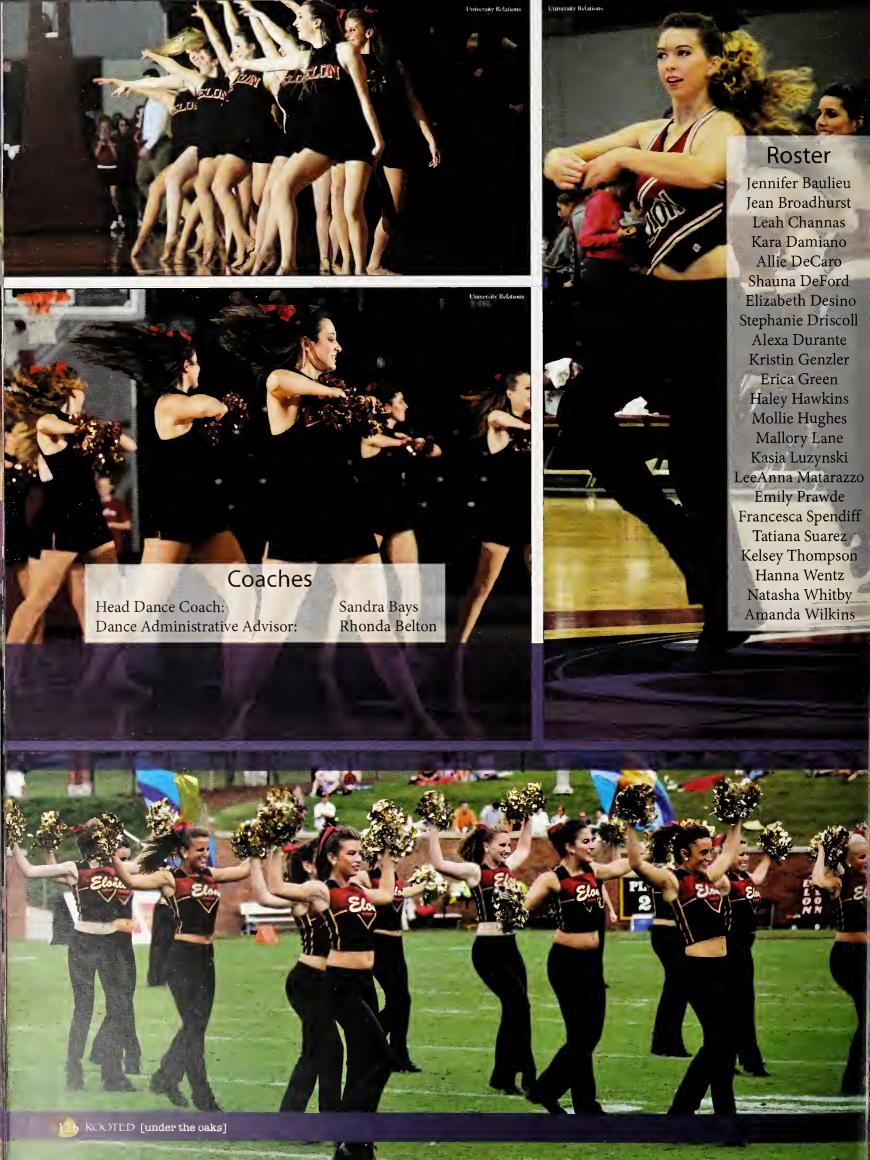
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# Cheerleading



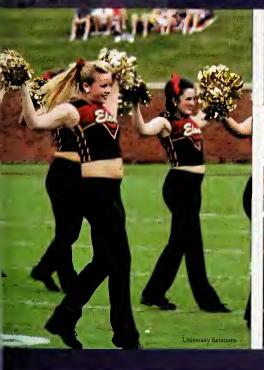








# dance team





### Women's Soccer







### Roster Catherine Brinkman Shannon Cosgrove Simi Dhaliwal Raychel Diver Shannon Foley Angela Funari Kim Gardner Krista Hagler Bethany Houpt Andrea Keller Kimmie Krauss Olivia Mackey Noell McCain Jennifer McGorty Kate Murphy Claire O'Keeffe Michelle Pullen Marissa Russo Kendall Stanley Chelsey Stark aclyn Vood









Head Women's Soccer Coach Associate Head Women's Soccer Coach Assistant Women's Soccer Coach

Chris Neal Stuart Horne Julie Isley









"The most memorable experience this season, by far, was getting to celebrate on the field with my teammates and coaches as the 2011 SoCon Tournament Champions for the first time in the program's history."

JAMES CARROLL | [senior]



# men's Soccer



### **Statistics**

* *	
Coastal Carolina	Loss, 1-2
Virginia Commonwealth	Loss, 0-4
UNC Charlotte	Loss, 0-3
North Florida	Win, 5-0
Campbell	Win, 3-1
Old Dominion	Loss, 2-3
Radford	Loss, 1-5
Appalachian State	Loss, 1-2
Wofford	Win, 2-0
Davidson	Loss, 2-3
Clemson	Win, 1-0
Furman	Loss, 1-3
Wake Forest	Win, 2-0
Georgia Southern	Loss, 2-4
College of Charleston	Win, 1-0
UNC Greensboro	Loss, 0-1
Duke	Tie, 2-2

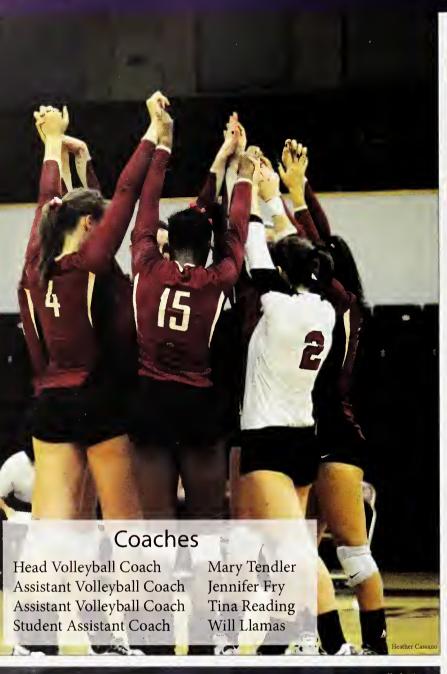


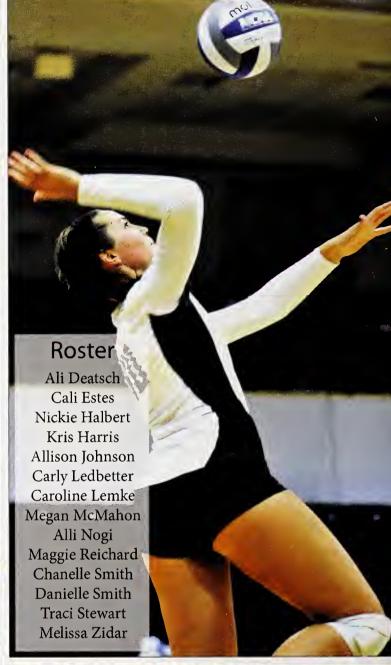




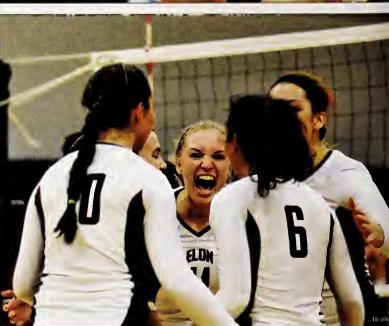


# Women's Volleybal













### **Statistics**

College of Charleston Invitational:

M: 2nd-41 points W:1st-17 points

Elon Invitational:

W: 1st-31 points

M: 3rd-73 points

Charlotte XC Invitational:

W: 5th-163 points

M: 15th-423 points

Royal Cross County Challenge:

W: 2nd-83 points

M: 4th-120 points

Southern Conference Championships:

W: 3rd-111 points

M: 6th-166 points

3 Stripe Red-Shirt Invitational:

W: Individual Racers M: Individual Racers

NCAA Regionals:

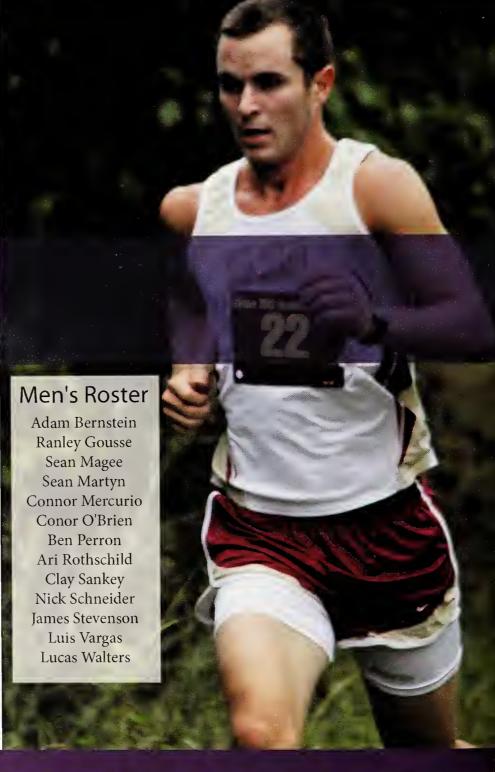
M: 23rd-647 points W: 21st- 539 points







"The Conference Championship in Charleston was amazing! We came together as a team and all got personal records. Very rarely does that happen." BRENNAN MCDAVID | [sophomore]









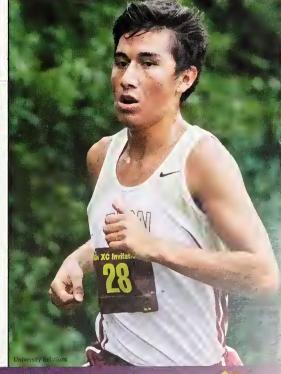


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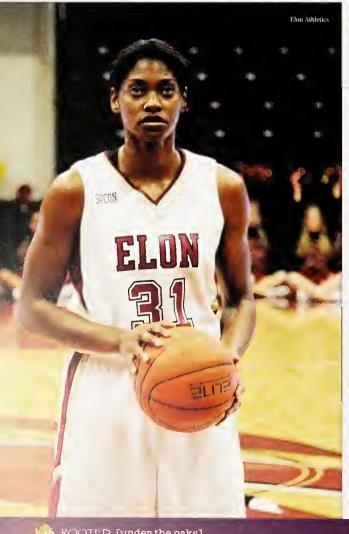
## Cross Country





# Women's





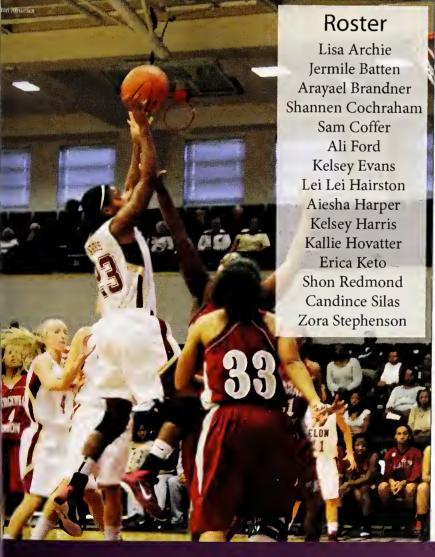


# Dasketball

### Statisics

Virginia Union	Win, 70-46	Georgia Southern	Win, 61-60
Virginia Intermont	Win, 105-53	Charleston	Win, 51-46
JNCC	Loss, 58-89	Western Carolina	Win, 51-45
Robert Morris	Loss, 65-69	UNC Greensboro	Win, 57-43
East Carolina	Loss, 46-60	Samford	Loss, 53-67
Chattanooga	Loss, 46-59	Chattanooga	Loss, 65-80
Samford	Win, 69-44	Furman	Win, 76-58
Campbell	Win, 89-88	UNC Greensboro	Win, 57-43
Furman	Loss, 60-75	Davidson	Loss, 51-78
Wofford	Win, 74-68	Appalachian	Loss, 68-84
Massachusetts	Loss, 56-76	Georigia Southern	Win, 83-53
Wagner	Win, 60-57	Charleston	Win, 53-50
West Virginia	Loss, 36-84	Woffard	Win, 72-59
Davidson	Loss, 66-75	Western Carolina	Win, 73-46
Appalachian	Loss, 58-72	Samford	Loss, 36-67







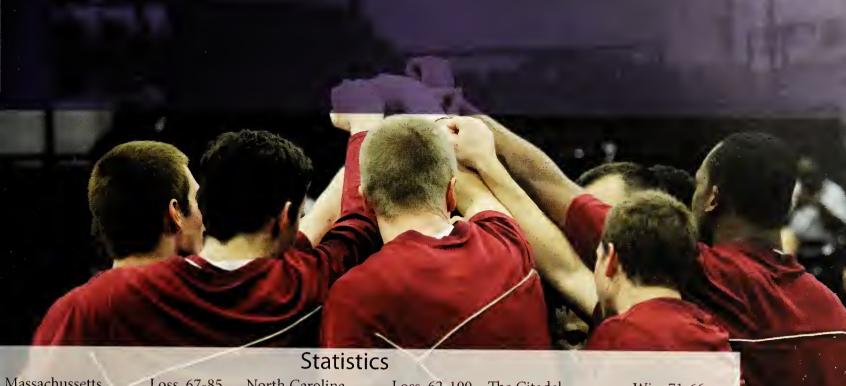
# men's basketball



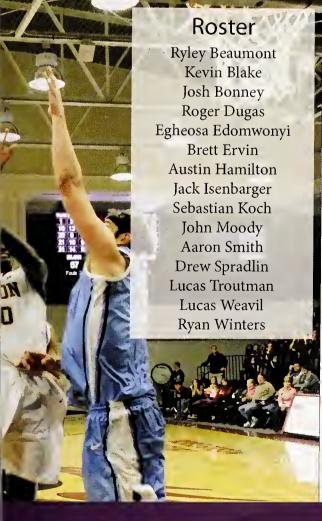








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Massachussetts	Loss, 67-85	North Carolina	Loss, 62-100	The Citadel	Win, 71-66		
South Carolina	Win, 58-53	Georgia Southern	Loss, 63-69	Applachian	Win, 82-59		
Rutgers-Camden	Win, 87-53	Columbia	Loss, 60-65	Chattanooga	Loss, 75-83		
Princeton	Win, 56-55	The Citadel	Win, 70-55	Samford	Loss, 78-87		
NC State	Loss, 67-82	Charleston	Loss, 44-63	Woffard	Loss, 59-72		
Furman	Win, 77-70	Samford	Loss, 80-86	Western Carolina	Loss, 76-78		
Navy	Win, 51-48	Chattanooga	Win, 88-87	Davidson	Loss, 45-66		
UNC Greensboro	Win, 80-72	Western Carolina	Win, 71-63	UNC Greensboro	Win, 93-79		
Dartmouth	Loss, 54-62	Appalachian	Loss, 66-81	Georgia Southern	Win, 65-58		
San Diego State	Loss, 55-81	Charleston	Win, 99-98	Davidson	Loss, 67-83		











# men's golf







Cleveland Palmetto Intercollegiate

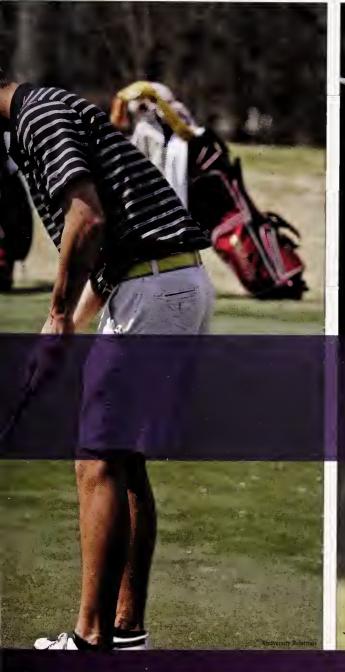
The Coca-Cola Wofford Invitational

Southern Confrence Championships

Furman Intercollegiate

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### Women's Golf

### Roster

Diana Davis
Meghan Green
Kristi Ingram
Lauren Lebak
Virginia Mayer
Martyna Mierzwa
Katie Partridge
Jennifer Smith
Lindsey Thomka

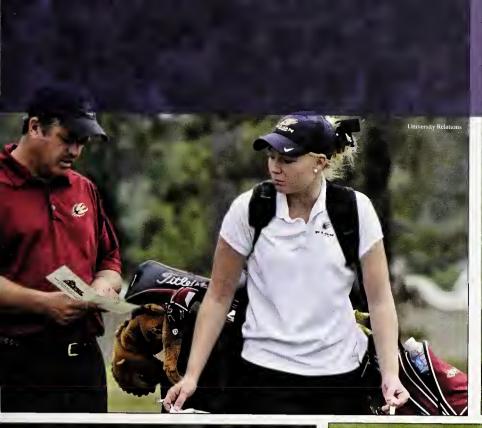
### Coach

Head Women's Golf Coach: Chris Dockrill

### **Statistics**

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UNCG Starmount Classic
Lady Pirate Intercollegiate
Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Classic
JMU/Eagle Landing Invitational
Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Classic
JMU/Eagle Landing Invitational
Pinehurst Challenge
Low Country Intercollegiate
Southern Conference Championship

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"My favorite part is competing and grinding on the golf course at the tournament and feeling the spirit of the whole team. Every shot counts for the team, and every mistake harms the team."

MARTYNA MIERZWA | [junior]









Bria Bell Kayleigh Birks Nina Boston Dana Cataldo Haylee Dawe Morgan Denecke Emily Dunn Nicole Esplin Jenny Gallagher Alyssa Girvin Julie Hart Melinda Hersey Cara Hughes Jennifer Jarvis Haley Laird Jordan Lee Veronica Luedke Erin Macbeth Jackie Madden

Kaitlin Mallinson Suzanne Martin Brennan McDavid Janelle McNeil Charlise Morgan Katelyn O'Dunne Allyson Oram Christine Pacewicz Amanda Parker Louise Prevoteau Amy Salek Claire Smith Abigail Steinseik Kaitlin Stober Ellie Taff **Emily Tomich Emily Tryon** Kylie Womack

# track & field

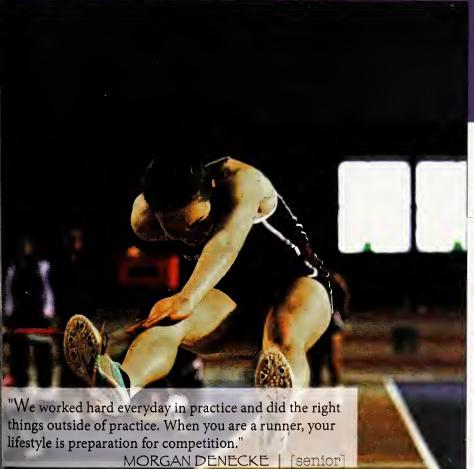
### Coaches

Head Women's Track and Field Coach Assistant Track and Field Coach Assistant Track and Field Coach Senior Associate Athletic Trainer Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach Aaron Craft Academic Coordinator for Athletics Track & Field Manager

Mark Elliston Michael Gusbeth Christine Engel Martin Baker Jayme Pendergast Devon Clark











### Roster

Briana Berne
Maria Camara Ruiz
Katy Canada
Frida Johnston
Bryn Khoury
Barbora Lazarova
Kaylyn Smialek
Viviana Stavreva

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### Women's tennis



### **Statistics**

College of Charleston	Loss, 0-4
Woffard	Win, 5-0
UNCG	Loss, 2-5
N.C. Central	Win, 6-1
College of Charleston	Loss, 3-4
Woffard	Win, 7-0
Furman	Loss, 3-4
Georgia Southern	Win, 6-1
Chattanooga	Loss, 3-4
Samford	Win, 4-3
Davidson	Win, 6-1
Western Carolina	Win, 7-0
Appalachian	Loss, 3-4
Asheville	Win, 7-0
UNC Wilmington	Loss, 2-5
Meredith	Win, 5-0
Wiston-Salem	Win, 7-0
Queens	Win, 7-0
Charlotte	Win, 5-2
East Carolina	Win, 6-1
Gardner-Webb	Win, 5-2
Virginia Tech	Loss, 1-6
Radford	Win, 5-2
North Carolina A&T	Win, 7-0

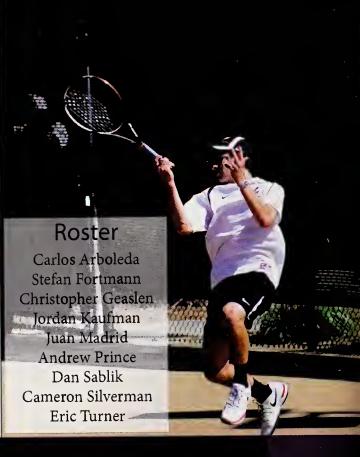
North Carolina

Loss, 0-7





Assistant Men's and Women's Tennis Coach:

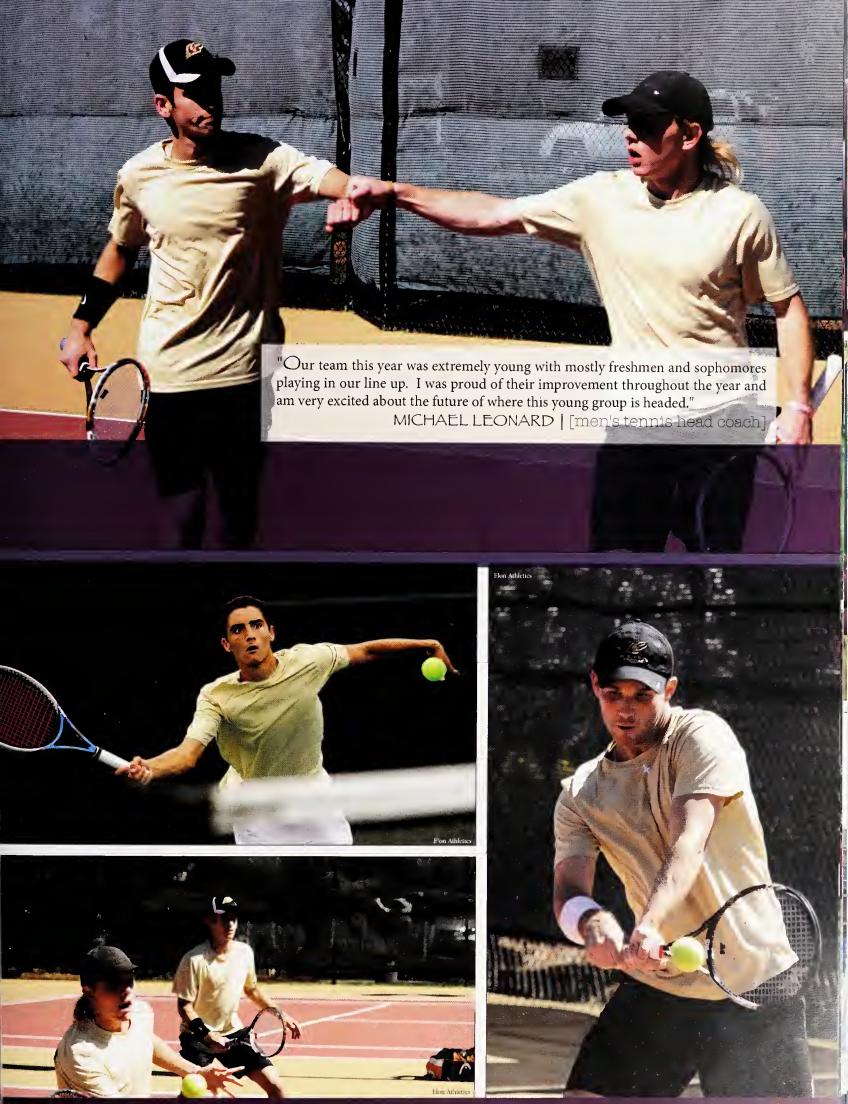


### men's tennis

**Bob Owens** 

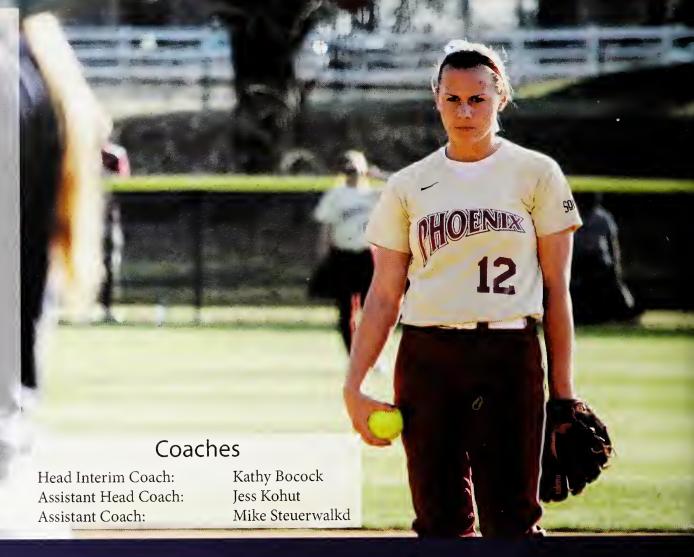


### **Statistics** Appalachian Loss, 3-4 The Citadel Win, 4-0 East Carolina Loss, 3-4 Loss, 3-4 Samford Loss, 3-4 **UNCG** Win, 6-1 Wofford Furman Loss, 3-4 Appalachian Loss, 2-5 North Florida Loss, 0-7 Georgia Southern Win, 6-1 College of Charleston Loss, 2-5 Texas-San Antonio Loss, 2-5 Win, 4-3 Davidson Win, 4-3 Chattanooga Win, 7-0 The Citadel Loss, 3-4 South Carolina Win, 6-1. Queens Radford Loss, 1-5 Gardner-Webb Win, 7-0 Princeton Loss, 1-5 Loss, 1-6 Wake Forest Win, 7-0 Tennessee Tech Georgia State Loss, 1-6 South Carolina Loss, 0-7



### Roster

Karen Berna McKenzie Carter Cyra Cottrell Grace Eng Ali Ford McKenzie Harrelson Camille Hill Danielle Lafferty Sarah Little Carleigh Nester Caitlin O'Shea Erin O'Shea Lauren Oldham Charyssa Parent Kari Pervell Kaitlyn Piazzolla Aly Quintana Tomeka Watson Johanna Spencer Tomeka Watson Morgan Wright Chelsea White



### Softball

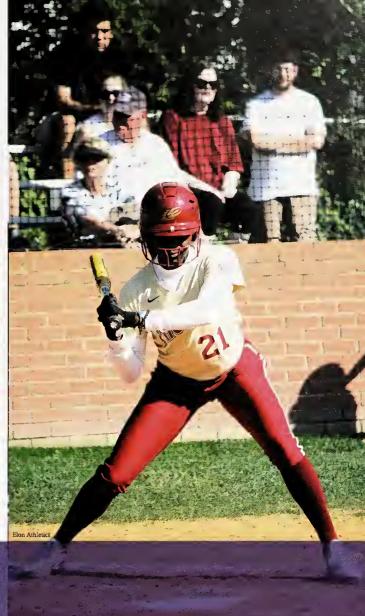






"Playing softball has given me many qualities, such as leadership, dedication and passion, which I hope I can carry on in the future. Being able to gain these qualities has been invaluable."

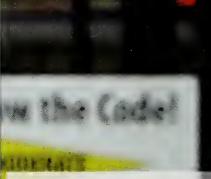
CAMILLE HILL | [junior]



### Statistics

Statistics			
Liberty	Win, 4-1	Samford	Loss, 4-3
N.C. Central	Win, 15-6	Samford	Loss, 6-2
Georgetown	Win, 8-0	Chattanooga	Loss, 5-0
N.C. Central	Win, 8-2	Chattanooga	Loss, 14-11
Presbyterian	Win, 2-0	- Chattanooga	Loss, 4-3
Bucknell	Loss, 2-0	Chattanooga	Loss, 9-2
James Madison	Loss, 7-4	James Madison	Loss, 10-1
George Washington	Win, 4-1	James Madison	Loss, 7-0
Presbyterian	Win, 11-5	Appalachian	Win, 8-0
Kennesaw State	Win, 5-0	Appalachian	Win, 7-4
SE Louisiana	Win, 7-5	Appalachian	Loss, 4-3
Rhode Island	Loss, 10-2	NC State	Win, 7-1
Georgia Tech	Win, 6-3	Western Carolina	Loss, 4-3
Furman	Win, 9-1	Western Carolina	Loss, 7-4
Furman	Win, 13-8	Western Carolina	Loss, 10-3
Furman	Win, 3-0	Longwood	Loss, 10-6
North Carolina	Loss, 6-0	Longwood	Loss, 6-0
UNCG	Loss, 5-0	Georgia Southern	Loss, 6-5
UNCG	Win, 7-5	Georgia Southern	Loss, 4-0
UNCG	Win, 8-0	Georgia Southern	Loss, 5-0
Samford	Win. 4-3		





### **Statistics**

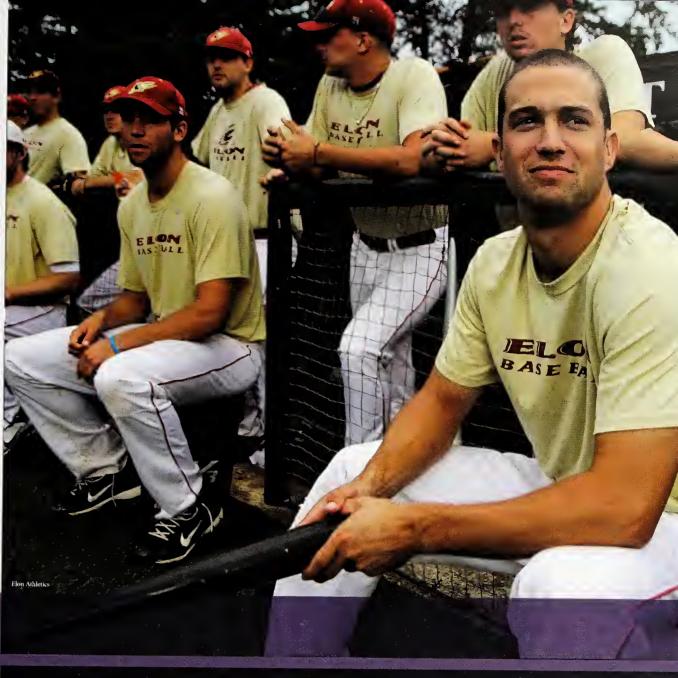
North Carolina A&T Win, 5-4 North Carolina State Loss, 1-8 Georgia Southern Win, 7-6 Georgia Southern Win, 7-2 Georgia Southern Win, 4-3 North Carolina Loss, 0-3 Col. of Charleston Win, 3-2 Col. of Charleston Win, 4-2 Col. of Charleston Loss, 1-7 High Point Win, 6-3 South Carolina Loss, 0-6 South Carolina Loss, 2-3 South Carolina Loss, 1-8 North Carolina A&T Win, 8-5 George Mason Win, 4-3 George Mason Win, 4-1 Akron Win, 7-1

## baseball









### Roster

Niko Fraser Chris Bresnahan Nick Bruno Eric Serra Sebastian Gomez Michael Elefante Casey Jones Joey Tomko Garrett Koster Jordan Darnell Jake Luce Alec Bankhead Eric Hailer Tyler McVicar Grant McCoury Darren Lauer Sam Paone

Ryan Kinsella Spencer Medick Kyle Webb Andrew MacDonald Ryan Pennell Alex Swim Quinn Bower Brad MacHaffie Blaine Bower John Antonelli Dylan Clark Jim Stokes Grant Fisher Nate Young Connor Lewis David Whitehead





### Club Sports



































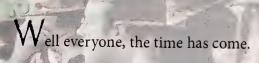




# ROOTED [in seniority]







The time has come for all of us to leave this place that we have called home for the past 4 years. We have had some incredible experiences and met some amazing people along the way. As we count down the days towards graduation, I am sure all of us have taken one or two walks down memory lane. I think back to the day we first moved in. We were meeting all of our hall mates or suitemates for the first time and tried to predict how things would turn out.

As we all know, things never go as expected. But no matter what happened along the way our entire journey led to his moment, graduation. We have come full circle. We all started off on a similar path on our journey to Elon, and then we each went our own separate ways throughout our four years here. But we all come back together, at graduation, one last time as a family.

I walk down the sidewalk and see people that I have known since freshmen year. I look at them and each person has a story. Each one of them has a memory that is important to me and has affected my time here at Elon. Each person had a purpose for being here and there was a reason that we crossed paths when we did. Things fell into place, exactly how they should have.

So, enjoy your last few days here, because soon we will all be embarking on our own journeys. But don't forget to stop and think about your time at Elon, and everyone that you met while you were here. You may move away, but this place will always be here and these people will always be your friends. Stay connected, stay strong, but most importantly stay a family. Because that is what we are now, a family.

Thank you to the Class of 2012 for four amazing years at Elon. All the best,

TAYLOR MARTIN | [senior class president]

### graduation



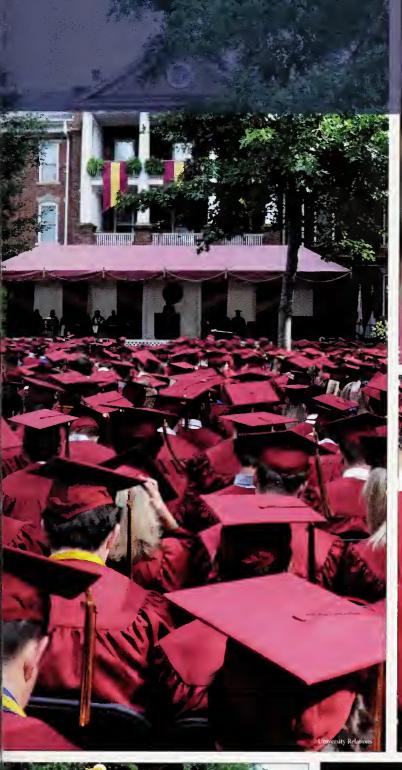






Students, family, friends and Elon faculty and staff gathered on May 19th to celebrate the newest group who will join the ranks of Elon University alumni. Taylor Martin, president of the Class of 2012, said the occasion brought to memory the mixed emotions of move-in weekend and convocation their freshman year in August 2008, when his mother began to cry as she left him. "We have all become a family," Martin said. "The emotions I'm feeling now are the exact same she felt then," continuing on to describe the changing nature of life but consistency of family. Stephen Schuckenbrock, Class of 1982, President of Dell Services and 2012 graduation speaker, said he skipped his own college graduation in a hurry to get on with his life, begin work and get married. Being present at this year's commencement, Schuckenbrock said he would consider himself part of Elon University's Class of 2012. Citing the five C's to help enable the next generation to achieve greatness as convergence, critical thinking, character, conviction and courage, Schuckenbrock reminded the graduates that they are well-prepared to make a difference in life. "Today, you are ready," he said. "A lot more ready than you thought. But we must shift from a society that is responsible for you, to one in which you are responsible for your society." Concluding his message to the graduates, Schuckenbrock challenged them to make the most of what they do during their careers and life after departing Elon.

NATALIE ALLISON (the pendulum)







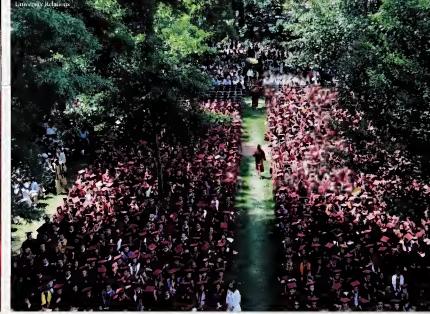


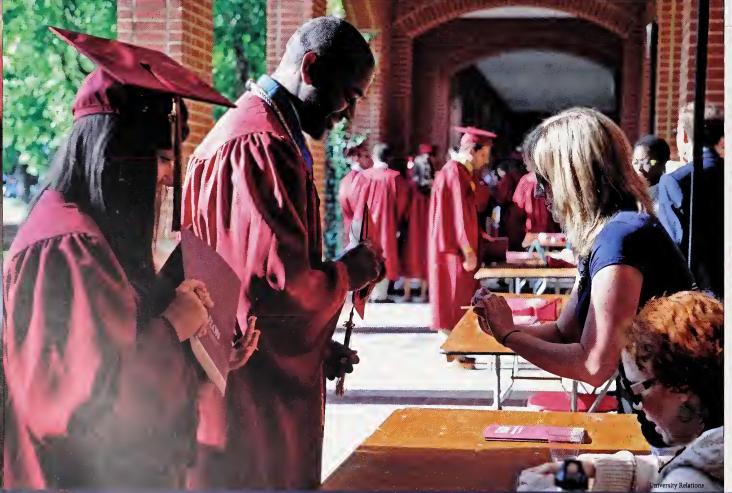


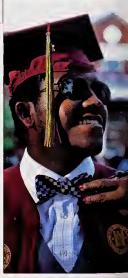






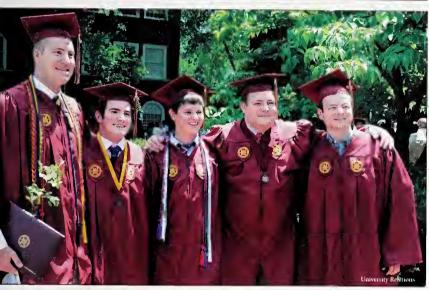


























































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Kendall Adkins



Daniel Agoes



Mary Anderson



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Amanda Bienz



Samuel Blake



Stephanie Blonchek



Laura Bondi



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Tara Cooney



Caryn Cooper



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Brittany Corbin



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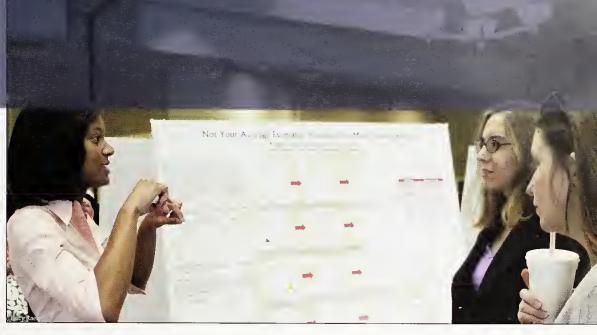


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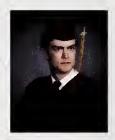
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Nicholas Maiorano



Katherine Mantt



Catherine Manwaring



Sarah Marcus



Ryan Marklewitz



Brandon Marshall



Taylor Martin



Mario Martinez



Emily Martino



Laura McCabe



Emily McLaughlin









Patrick McLendon



Kelly McNamara



Darrius McQueen



Brandon McRae



Elizabeth McSheehy-Cooper



Julio Mendoza



Jaimie Metellus



Alexandra Miele



Stephanie Militello



Joseph Misko



Aisha Mitchell



Rebecca Moffett



Hayley Moll



Brittany Moore



Nicole Morillo



Benjamin Morris



David Munoz



Megan Murray



Jordan Musselman



Michelle Nadler



Tara Nager



Sarah Naiman



Lauren Needell



Jordan Neuhauser



Sophia Nielsen-Kolding







Julia Niemi



Derek Noble



Allison Norell



Amanda O'Dell



Kstelyn O'Dunne



Kemi Olagbegi



Sarah Oldhalm



Jonathan Ordog



Keyona Osborne



Jesse Palmer



Robert Paone



Hunter Parrish



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Meredith Ramsey





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Andrew Reuben



Patrick Reynolds



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Ross Rhoades



Elizabeth Rhye



Lindsay Richardson



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Lindsey Smith



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Alexandra Solender



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Katherine Spruill















## Class Of 2012









Lauren Stellato



Ryan Stewart



Traci Stewart



Brian Stoddard



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Bryan Strelow



Emily Strickland



John Struck



Ryan Sudnik



Brittany Sullivan



Rosalie Swaine



Ketteth Tamres



Thonda Taylor II



Cameron Thomas



Freda Thompson



Jahan Threeths



Lauren Townsend



Jennifer Tremblay



Ines Trice



Devarrier Turnes



Lindsay Van Broeklin



Jacob Van Dyne



Lauren Van Fleet







Hisoshi Wada



Brittany Walker



Caroline Walker



Claire Wall



Michael Warren



Samuel Warren



Kate Wastluk



Katie Weingarten



Brittany Weir



Emma Welcher



Courtney Whalen



Steven Whitener



Danielle Whitman



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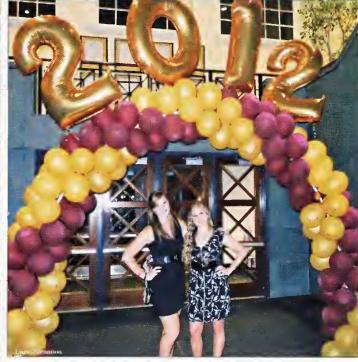


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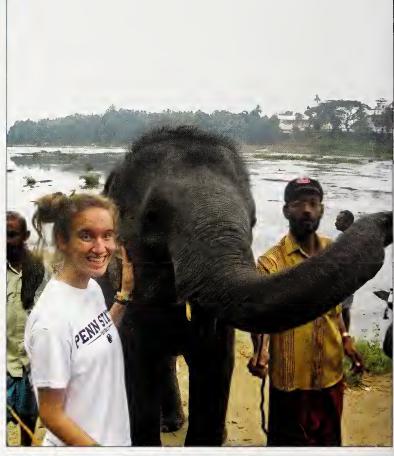




## Katie Whittaker



Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places, You're off and away! And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! -Dr. Seuss









We are so proud of you Love, Dad, Mom, Kelly, and Matt



#### PATRICK CUNNINGHAM



CONGRATULATIONS PATRICK! WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THE REMARKABLE MAN YOU'VE BECOME.

LOTS OF LOVE,
MOM, DAD AND KELLEY



## Mallory Lane



We couldn't be more proud of all of your growth and accomplishments in the last 4 years... Congratulations Mal! Love, Mom, Dad & Emily

"There is a good reason they call these ceremonies commencement exercises. Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning."

-Orrin Hatch

## Patrick Ma



"THE PRESSURE MAKES US STRONGER
THE STRUGGLE MAKES US HUNGER
THE HARD LESSONS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE
AND THE DIFFERENCE MAKES IT WORTH IT"
--FIREFLIGHT, FOR THOSE WHO WAIT

YOU WILL MAKE A GREAT DIFFERENCE, TOO!

LOVE,

MOM + DAD,
PETE + ANDREW
XOX



#### **Gregory Taussig**



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." --Mark Twain

Congratulations Greg! Love Mom, Dad, and Matt

#### BROOKE WILLIAMS

"What LIES BEHIND US AND WHAT LIES BEFORE US ARE SMALL MATTERS COMPARED TO WHAT LIES WITHIN US."

-RALPH WALDO EMERSON



BROOKIE, WE ARE ALL SO PROUD OF YOU

MUCH LOVE, MOM, DAD, BRIDGETTE AND MISSY

Katie Franklin







To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.

-- Anatoli France

All our love, Dad and Mom



## Lauren Charlotte Needell









Live your life with arms wide open Today is where your book begins...
The rest is still unwritten!
~Natasha Bedingfield

We are so proud of all you have accomplished. We wish you continued success and happiness in the next chapter of your life. We love you!
-Mom, Dad, Rachel, Sadie, Sophie, and Mike















#### **EVAN GAMBLE**



FROM VALLEY HOSPITAL IN RIDGEWOOD, NJ,
THROUGH YOUR FORMAL EDUCATION:
HERITAGE ELEMENTARY
EUROPÄISCHE SCHULE, KARLSRUHE, GERMANY
WARNER ELEMENTARY
BRANDYWINE SPRINGS SCHOOL
H.B. DUPONT MIDDLE
SALESIANUM HIGH
ELON UNIVERSITY

CONGRATULATIONS!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WATCHING YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE WORKING WORLD.

WITH LOVE FROM YOUR FAMILY



#### **DONALD GRANESE**



WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

LOVE,
DAD, MOM, AND DUCHESS

xoxo

### Jasmine Powe



Congratulation Jasmine!
BELIEVE....and let your
shine show!!!
Love ya madly,
Mom

#### GABRIELLE BURN







CONGRATULATIONS GABI!!

LOOK AT WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED, -YOUR HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION PAID OFF.

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!
LOVE YOU, MOM, DAD AND DANIELA

## Cassidy Stone





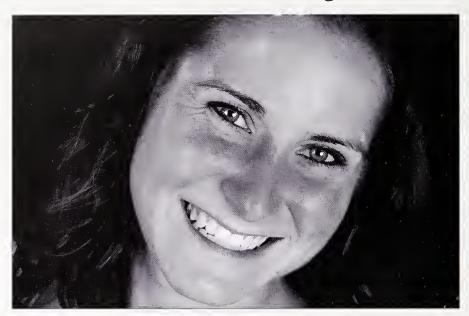


CONGRATULATIONS ON A WONDERFULLY SUCCESSFUL FOUR YEARS! YOUR HARD WORK,
PERSEVERANCE AND LOVE OF ALL LIFE HAS TO OFFER HAS TRULY PAID OFF. LET THIS SAME
PASSION LEAD YOU FORWARD - YOUR DREAMS ARE WAITING AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHERE
LIFE LEADS YOU.

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE "OUR SUNSHINE"

LOVE,
MOM, DAD, KAITLYN & BRENDAN

## Katelyn O'Dunne



"Running is the greatest metaphor for life, because you get out of it, what you put into it" -Oprah Winfrey



Katie

Your four years at Elon have been full of opportunities, obstacles, challenges, and learning. You have faced these with strength, determination, and hard-work. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished and the person that you have become. You have influenced and touched many along the way and made life-long friends. We are so happy for you and admire you more than you know.

Congratulations! We love you!! Mom and Dad







"But those who hope in the lord, will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." -lsaiah 40:31

## Elizabeth Rhye







Congratulations Elizabeth! We are so very proud of you. **Long Live Elon!** 

Love, Mom and Pete

#### **BROOKE WARNER**



BROOKE,



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SUCCESS AT ELON!



WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS! WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST AT THE BOSTON ARCHITECTURAL COLLEGE AND BEYOND!

LOVE ALWAYS, MOM, DAD. LAUREN, CHRISTINA & BEN BOOTZ AND DOMINO Ashley Gill

A #2 pencil and a dream can take you anywhere...







It's time for us to stand and cheer for the Doer, the Achiever, the one who recognizes the challenge and does something about it! -Vince Lombardi

Ashley, we are very proud of you! You are the one who put the time in, did the work and made the grades! You are the achiever! Now you get to teach others so they will be ready to face the challenge. We wish you all the best in your future.

We love you the most,

All your family

### Franklin Feeney Campos





Congratulations/Parabens

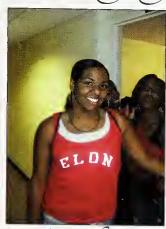






We love you!!! Mom, Dad, Alexander, Gabriela, Eric, Vladimir and Veruska

## Kemi Olagbegi



Class of 2012





Kemi, Prior to you attending college I prayed for spiritual protection, a church home and Wonderful friends... God gave you diamonds and gems.
FRIENDS FOREVER!



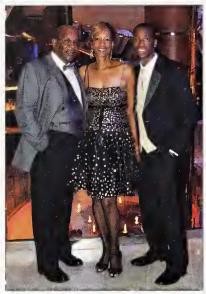


I watched Urgent Message develop and flourish. I saw who my daughter really was and the passion that was deep inside of HER being.

I'm thankful to ELON University for the freshmen ACORNS that developed into Graduate TREES. From proud parents of an Elon University "Graduate."

Love, Mom & Dad, Brandi & Elujah (We are so proud of you and love you so much!)

#### KENDALL ADKINS





Congratulations Kendall!! We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished! We know that you will continue to grow and achieve your dreams in this world!

Love, Mom & Dad



#### MARK BARRY



WISHING YOU HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

WE LOVE YOU, MOM, DAD AND MO

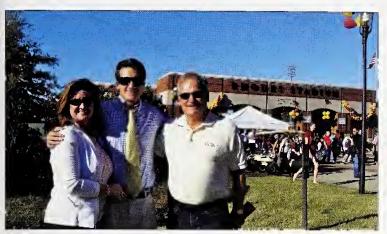
## Allison Norell



Congratulations Ally! Words cannot express how very proud I am of you and all that you have accomplished! I wish you love, happiness and success in all that you do. Follow your dreams and always believe in yourself.

Love, Mom

#### KYLE J. SHOEMAKER



Congratulations Kyle!

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today."

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

We are sure you will be as successful in all aspects of your life as you have been at ELON.

We are so proud of you.

Love.

Mom, Dad, Tyler and of course Jackie

#### MADELINE CHAPIN

Maddie,

We are so proud of your dedication, accomplishments and the thoughtful, loving, humorous woman you have become. Wherever you go, whatever you do, you will always be our Angel.

Love, Mom, Dad and Chris









Nikki Rodriguez

CONGRATULATIONS!
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!

LOVE,
MOM, DAD, SIMONE, AND HENRY





#### CHRISTINE BEGLEY







TO ALL OF OUR SPECIAL FRIENDS AT ELON,

"WE HOPE YOU NEVER FEAR THOSE MOUNTAINS IN THE DISTANCE
NEVER SETTLE FOR THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE
LIVING MIGHT MEAN TAKING CHANCES BUT THEY'RE WORTH TAKING
LOVIN' MIGHT BE A MISTAKE BUT IT'S WORTH MAKING
AND WHEN YOU GET THE CHOICE TO SIT IT OUT OR DANCE...
...WE HOPE YOU DANCE...WE HOPE YOU DANCE..."

THANKS FOR FOUR WONDERFUL YEARS TOGETHER...WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST. LOVE,

MOM AND DAD, AKA CAROL & LARRY

#### **EMILY ROSE GIEGERICH**





CONGRATULATIONS EMILY



BEST OF LUCK AS YOU STEP INTO THE FUTURE.
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU ALWAYS!
LOVE, MOM, DAD, MARIANNE, ELIZABETH AND MATTHEW

#### KRISTINA LOEFFKE





Congratulations Kristina! Our beautiful, spirited girl! We admire your hard work and passion and are so proud of all you have accomplished.

Love, Mom, Patrick, Marc, Jessica, Juliana, Grandma and Papa

## Mauria Butler



Congratulations Mauria!
We are so proud of you, for the wonderful young woman you are and all that you have accomplished.

Love, Dad, Mom and Charlie



## Sarah Baig







"Now Voyager sail thou forth to seek and find" -Walt Whitman

We are so proud of the young woman you have grown to be! Love, Alom and Dad

#### Maggie Slack



Dear Maggie:

We wish you success and happiness!
With all our love, Dad, Mom and Becca

#### CORY RICH

Cory-

Congratulations! We are very proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Adam



## Tara Nager







#### Congratulations, Tara!

We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished academically and through the Boys and Girls Club and AOII. You have made a huge difference in the lives of so many people, including us.

Love, Mom, Dad, Pat, and Gram

### Alex Lannigan Aly Hignight Jessie Gibian Bridget Cashen



The best roommates any parent could wish for! Kind, smart, beautiful twinkling stars in the universe. We will always remember our visits to "LOFT" and your hospitality.

We wish you all a future bright with success, happiness and much love.

Congratulations!
Tom and Cathy Giegerich

Thanks for the memories...

## Brielle Giordano



YOU NEVER SURPRISE US
YOU ONLY AMAZE US.
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

WITH ALL OF OUR LOVE,

DAD, MOM, GRANDMA JAMES + JORDAN



#### Alex Crockford





#### Congratulations Alexander Charles Crockford



With much love from Mum, Dod and Annie Pte,

What a wonderful American adventure, you've learned much, made many friends and travelled around this fantastic country...

We hove reolly everything in common with America nowodoys except, of course, language. Oscar Wilde

There'll olwoys be on Englond ... even if it's in Hollywood. Bob Hope

Me fail English? That's unpossible! Ralph Wiggum

#### STEVEN N. MACDOUGALL

Dear Steven,

From the moment you came into this world you approached life on your terms.

Your depth of character, sense of humor, intelligence, and keen observation will serve you well as you journey through life. We are so proud of you.

Always remember the road home. Congratulations!

Love, Mom, Dad and Scott





#### Kathryn Holt

Congratulations Katie!

You've earned it all! We are so proud of you! Now - follow your dreams and your passion.

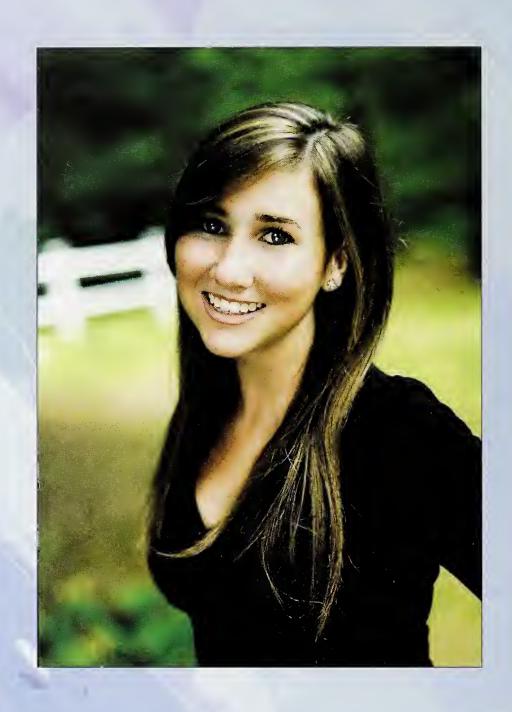
> We love you! Mom and Dad (Sage and Ellie)



#### Brittney Baglino

We can't begin to tell you Brittney how proud we are of you. We've been blessed with the opportunity to watch you grow from an incredibly adorable small child to a beautiful young woman. You have achieved so much in such a short time that it's hard for us to keep track of it all. Only yesterday you were a just a cute chubby-cheeked little girl and today you are graduating college and running off into the real world. Though it may seem to you that it's taken forever to reach this point, it has happened all too quickly for us. We'll admit that it saddens us to see that this phase of your life has concluded, however it cannot compare to how happy and proud we feel knowing that you are so well prepared and dedicated to your dreams. Never lose sight of those dreams and never compromise anything to reach them. No matter what has happened in the past or what will happen in the future, always know that we will forever love you unconditionally and we will always be here for you cheering you on. Keep being the unique human being you are. You have unlimited potential. You have made us so proud and we know that you will continue to do so in your future.





In Memory of Incoming Elon Freshman
Lauren Astley

April 1, 1993 - July 4, 2011

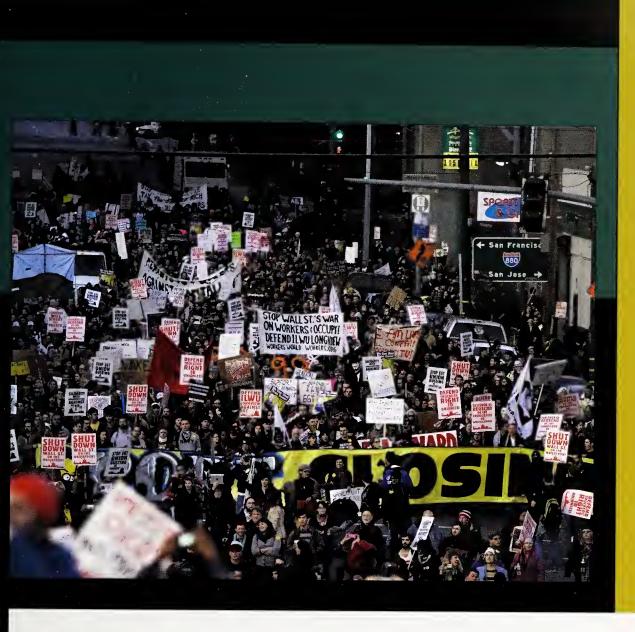


In Memory of Elon Sophomore Tordan West

April 30, 2012

# ROOTED [in global affairs]





As the entire globe moved into the ominous year of 2012, several major and sometimes ironic events rocked the world. Exactly a century after the sinking of the Titanic, an Italian cruise-line, Costas, sank off the coast of Italy. Following the death of Osama Bin Laden, American's remembered 9/11 on the tenth anniversary of the attack. The Arab Spring continued to grasp the media's attention, especially following the brutal end to Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi. American's voiced their displeasure with their own country's economic system in the Occupy Wall Street movement. American's also bid adieu to Apple tycoon Steve Jobs, pop-star Whitney Houston, and TV commentator Andy Rooney. Bizarre East Coast earthquakes, Hurricane Irene, and the Joplin Tornado's contributed to this year's odd natural events. However, for all the somewhat negative events the media always seems to focus on, the 2011-2012 did bring some things to celebrate. The Queen of England celebrated her 60th year on the throne. The economy is on the rise as 200,000 jobs have been added nearly monthly. People are also taking action of controversial topics such as gay marriage as certain states continue to pass new legislation. All in all, 2012 has brought the world a complicated but promising future.

CALLIE CREW | [news and sports sections editor]

## august





## August 6-12

BIOTS IN TOTTENHAM

Over four days, riots broke out in Tottenham, a city in north London. 2,000 people were arrested and five died as a result of the riots. Fires and looting occurred over the 4 days which started August 4th and even spread to nearby cities. A study is being conducted to figure out why the riots started.

### August 27

WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER CLOSES

The Walter Reed Army Medical Center closed at the end of August. Since its opening in 1909, soldiers and even several past presidents have spent time in the medical center. The decision to move was made so that there would be less facilities in order to help with and fit the military's needs.

## August 27

HURRICANE IRENE

Hurricane Irene swept along the East Coast of the United States affecting a wide range of states from the South, up to the Northeast. Irene produced flooding and wind gusts that caused damage to many in its path. The storm disturbed 13 states and Washington, D.C. At one point, 8 million people were powerless.







## September

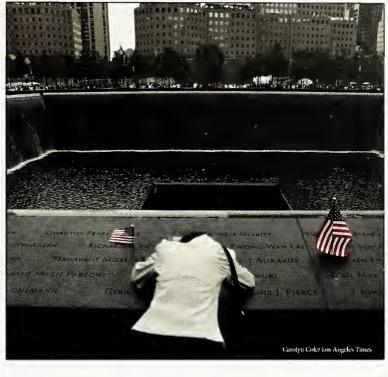
## September 11

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

This year marked 10 years since the terrorist attacks on our country on September 11, 2001. A memorial opened this year on September 12 which remembers those who lost their lives that day. Their names are inscribed in bronze around the two building sites. The sites, which were dug out, were transformed into waterfalls and reflecting pools. In the museum, artifacts from the towers have been saved and put on display as well.







## September 17

OCCUPY WALL STREET

Liberty Square in Manhattan housed the Occupy Wall Street movement on the 17. Protesters are fighting against an unfair capitalist system, over powerful banks and against Wall Street for the recession that the American population had to endure. The movement was inspired by similar uprisings overseas in countries like Egypt.



## October



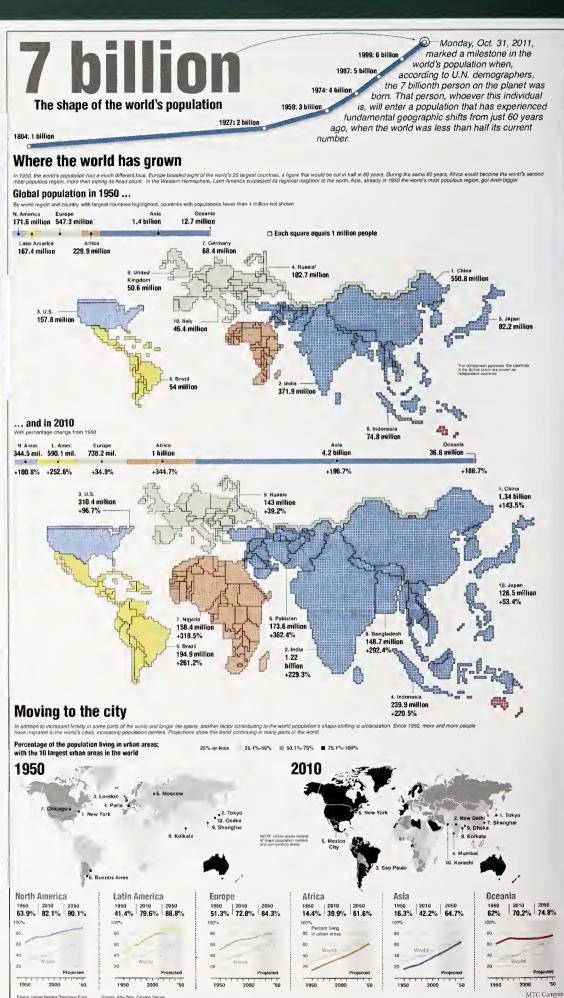
### october 16

MLK STILL STANDING TALL

Crowds gathered around the new Martin Luther King Memorial on Sunday, October 16, 2011 to honor the historic civil rights leader. The dedication ceremony was held in the National Mall where King's children and friends presented and spoke of his courage and his vision of racial peace and justice. Although King was a man of 5-foot-7-inches, the statue stands 30 feet tall and acts as a reminder of hope for peace and equality.

## October 31

The U.S. Census Bureau set October 31, 2011 as the symbolic date for the world's population hitting 7 billion. Although it is impossible to know exactly when the world hit 7 billion, the world without a doubt is growing at an exceptionally fast pace. Hitting this new landmark indicates that governments must prepare for changes in order to supply for so many people.



## november



## October & November

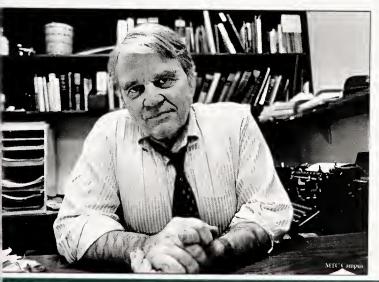
From Alaska to New England, the United States was hit hard with some wacky fall weathe,r leaving thousands of people in need of help. A huge noreaster struck New England just in time for Halloween, so trick-or-treaters were sent trudging in their costumes through the snow. Over 3 million were left without power, some for nearly a week. Some areas broke October snow level records with recordings up to 30 inches. Oklahoma experienced a 5.6 earthquake and a tornado both on November 5. The earthquake was by far the biggest on state records, but fortunately did minimal damage to homes and roads. Alaska was not quite as lucky as it was hit with a severe winter storm of 90-mph winds and icy 20-foot waves. Residents experienced flooding, power outages and damage to costal buildings.

### October 20

DEATH OF GADDAFI

After months of tense fighting started by one of several Arab revolutions, the Libyan people finally found something to celebrate: the death of Muammar Gaddafi. On October 20, 2011, Muammar was killed in a gun battle in his hometown of Sirte. His violent death was circulated on the web and his body was put on display which prompted an investigation by the National Transition Council as some deem his end to be unnecessarily violent and brutal.





November 5 HONORING ONE OF TV'S GREATEST

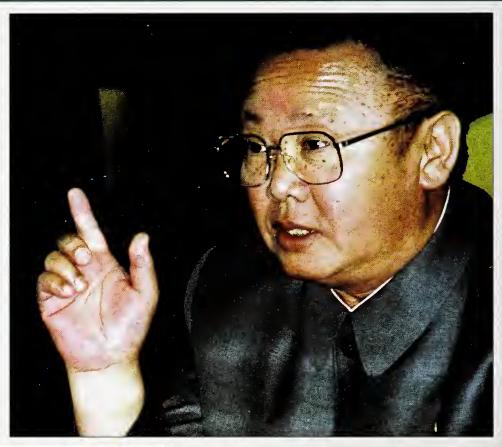
The humorous "60 Minutes" commentator, Andy Rooney died on November 5, 2011 at the age of 92 due to complications following a minor surgery. He began his career over 33 years ago starting his career as a unlikely TV celebrity. However, his original and sometimes caustic commentary captured America and landed him among the stars.

## december

## December 17

KIM JONG-IL DIES

On December 17, 2011, North Korean chairman Kim Jong-Il died of a heart attack. He was the leader of the country from 1994- 2011. Kim Jong Un, one of his sons, is said to succeed as Chairman of North Korea.





### The search for Earth-sized planets

NASA's Kepler mission has discovered the first Earth-sized planets that orbit a sun-like star outside our solar system.



Kepler-20e

Kepler-20f

Size 0.87 times Earth's radius

1.03 times Earth's radius

 Both are in a five-planet system called Kepler-20, about 1,000 light-years away in the constellation Lyra

• Both are too close to their star to be in the habitable zone, where water could exist on their surface

Orbit Travels around its parent star every 6.1 days

Travels around its parent star every 19.6 days

Temperature 1,400 F (760 C); would melt glass

800 F (427 C); similar to Mercury

Source: NASA

Graphic: Pat Carr

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### December 20

NEW PLANETS

Two of the first Earth-sized planets were found outside of our solar system by NASA's Kepler mission. Named Kepler-20e and Kepler-20f, they orbit a star similar to our sun, but too close to have water on the surface.

## january

### **Across Antarctica**

Felicity Aston, a 33-yearold British explorer, is embarking on a 70-day trek to become the first woman in the world to cross Antarctica alone.

#### **Long trip**

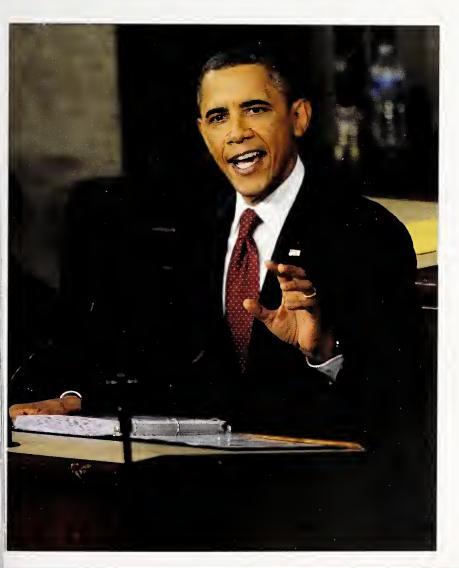
- Aston is pulling a sled of supplies; will resupply at the South Pole
- Boerge Ousland of Norway made a 64-day trip in 1997; he harnessed wind power by using a parachute-like sail; Aston using only man power



January 23

FIRST FEMALE SOLO JOURNEY ACROSS ANTARCTICA

Felicity Aston, a British explorer, was the first woman to ski alone across Antarctica. She began her 59 day trek on November 25 and travelled for 1,055 miles. Starting on the Ross Ice Shelf, she reached the South Pole and continued to the other side of Antarctica to reach the Ronne Ice Shelf where she was to be picked up. Her trip also raised money for the British Antarctic Monument Trust, which wants to build a monument to honor those who perished in Antarctica while there for scientific studies.



### January 24

STATE OF THE UNION

In President Barack Obama's State of the Union Address, he spoke about the importance of equal opportunities for all and bringing the economy back to where everyone had an equal chance at getting by. He also added that he still wanted to work with the Republican party to help the American economy recover from previous hardships. Under President Obama's presidency, many jobs have been opened for American citizens in private sector jobs, manufacturing jobs and also in the auto industry.

## february

## February 6

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

#### Six decades of reign

This year marks Queen Elizabeth II's 60th year as head of state, making her the longest serving among Europe's current monarchs.

#### The Queen's reign

#### 1952-1961

1952 Feb. 6 Elizabeth's father King George VI dies; she ascends to the throne

1953 June 2 coronation

1960 Second son, Prince Andrew, born

Source: The British Monarchy, BBC, MCT Photo Service Graphic: Melina Yingling

ROOTED [under the oaks]

of Wales

1962-1971

first time

born

1962 Buckingham

Palace opened to

the public for the

1964 Third son,

Prince Edward,

1969 Oldest son

invested as Prince

Prince Charles



#### 1972-1981

1972 Queen and Duke of Edinburgh's 25th wedding anniversary

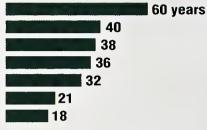
1973 Daughter Princess Anne marries Captain Mark Phillips

1977 Silver Jubilee, 25 years as sovereign

1981 Wedding of Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer

#### Reigning monarchs of Europe

Queen Elizabeth II of Britain Queen Margrethe II of Denmark King Carl XVI Gustav of Sweden King Juan Carlos of Spain Queen Beatrix of Netherlands King Harald V of Norway King Albert of Belgium



#### 1982-1991

1982 Prince Andrew serves as helicopter pilot in Falkland War, returns safely; grandson Prince

William is born **1986** Queen celebrates her 60th birthday

1991 Gulf War; first British monarch to address a joint session of U.S. Congress

#### 1992-2002

1996 Prince Charles and Princess Diana, Prince Andrew and Duchess Sarah divorce

1997 Princess Diana dies

1999 Wedding of Prince Edward and Sophie Rhys-Jones

2000 Queen mother's 100th birthday

2002 Sister Princess Margaret and queen mother both die

#### 2002-2012

2005 Prince Charles marries Camilla Parker-Bowles

2006 Queen celebrates her 80th birthday

2011 Prince William marries Catherine Middleton; queen visits Ireland, the first state visit by a British

2012 Diamond Jubilee Tour around the U.K.

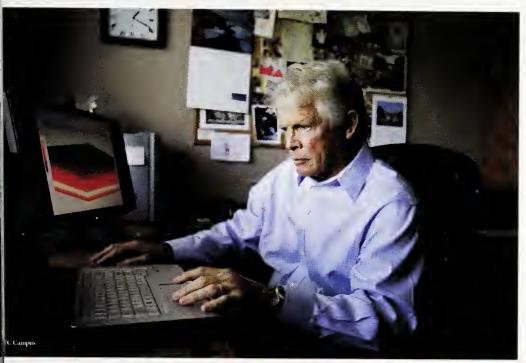
### February 5 GIANTS BEAT THE PATRIOTS In this year's Super Bowl, the New York Giants beat the New England Patriots 21-17. The game was a rematch of the 2008 Super Bowl. Quarterback Eli Manning lead the Giants to their second Super Bowl victory over Tom Brady and the Patriots in five years. An estimated 111.3 million people tuned in, which beat last year's Super Bowl (111.0 Million) to become the most-watched television show in U.S. history. MTC Campu

## march

### March

ECONOMIC TURN AROUND

The brutal economic downturn has made it difficult for old workers to find employment resulting in stressful retirement and even home foreclosures. However, the U.S. economy has added over 200,00 new jobs almost monthly this past spring. The additional jobs have caused the unemployment rate to hold steady at around 8.3 percent. These additions has resulted in a positive outlook for the U.S. economy which is said to be stable and continuing to recover from the recession.



## February 11

AN IRONIC AND TRAGIC DEATH

On the eve of the Grammy Awards, one of the biggest pop singing sensations of all-time, Whitney Houston, was found dead in her room at the Beverly Hills Hilton. The 48 year old was said to have died from a drug overdose. Despite her tragic end, Houston will be remembered as one of the world's best-selling artists from the mid 80s through the late 1990s.



## april



## April 24

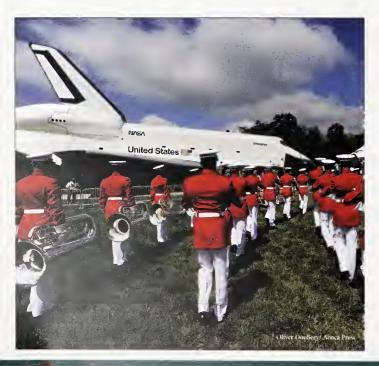
TRAYVON MARTIN'S KILLER PLEADS INNOCENT Following the events of the Trayvon Martin murder, which occurred in February, George Zimmerman pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder of the Florida teen. His bail is set at \$150,000 and he was released to wait for his next trial. The case not only raises racial issues, but also issues on the gun laws in Florida. The "Stand Your Ground" law allows for the use of deadly force when someone has a reasonable fear against another person who they may suspect may cause them harm.

## April 25

PLAYER CONTROVERSY AFTER GAME 7 OF STANLEY CUP

After his game winning goal against the Boston Bruins in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup first-round playoff series, Barbadian Canadian hockey player Joel Ward may have received praise for winning the game, but he also received more negative and racist comments directed at him. On the Washington Capital's flight from Boston, one of Ward's teammates showed him some of the tweets and apologized. The Capital's owner Ted Leonsis, other Twitter users as well as the National Hockey League have voiced their disapproving thoughts on the tweets. By the next evening after the game, all but nine of the offensive tweets that had been recorded had been deleted.





April 27

ENTERPRISE'S LAST FLIGHT

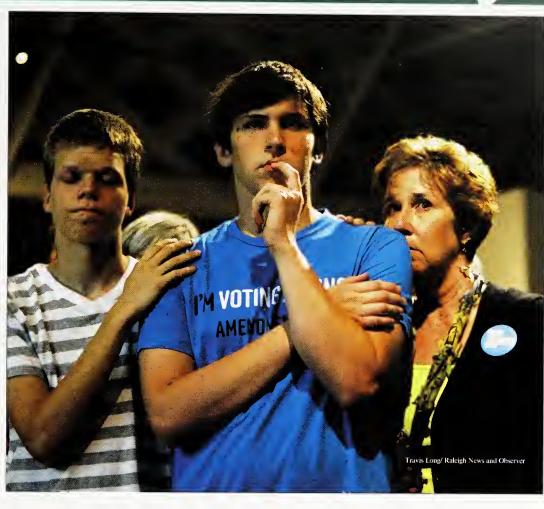
The space shuttle Enterprise flew it's last flight, ending up in its new home in New York City. The shuttle started it's last flight in Virginia to end at the JFK airport. People stood below along the shuttle's path to watch as it flew piggy-backed on a modified 747 jumbo jet. It's final home is the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in Manhattan. It was created in 1976 as a prototype but the Enterprise never flew in to space, instead being used to fly in the atmosphere and for onground experiments. The museum plans to complete the Enterprise exhibit for its opening to the public in mid-July this summer. The other retired shuttles, Discovery, will take the Enterprise's place at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., Endeavor, which is going to Los Angeles and Atlantis, which will remain at Florida's Kennedy Space Center are all a part of NASA ending it's shuttle program.

## May

May 8

NC AMENDMENT ONE PASSES

A constitutional amendment defines marriage as between a man and a woman was passed in North Carolina, banning gay marriage in the state. North Carolina is the 30th state that has passed a constitutional amendment that banned gay marriage while only six states and Washington, D.C. allow it. President Obama's spokesperson Cameron French said that the President was disappointed that the amendment had passed. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg spoke at UNC graduates and mentioned that the results of the vote shows that there is still much to be done for civil rights in America.





May 18

OBAMA MEETS WITH HOLLANDE President Obama met with new French President Francois Hollande before the G-8 and NATO Summits at the White House. One of the topics they discussed was Afghanistan.

## ROOTED [in reflection]

yearbook is way for students to reflect upon some of the greatest memories of their college experiences. For your convenience, Phi Psi Cli has continued the tradition of including an index to help you find the pages where you and your friends are featured. The staff spends several hours creating and perfecting the index, so we apologize for any incorrect identifications or misspellings.

The index is one tool to remember times at Elon, whether you flip through your yearbook right after graduation or years down the road. We hope you take the time to look back on all of the accomplishments of the year. You will be surprised to see where our photographers have caught you around Elon!

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